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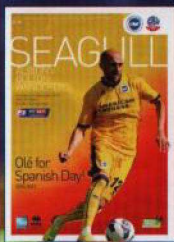
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This afternoon we welcome Dougie Freedman, the players, officials and supporters of Bolton Wanderers to the Amex Stadium



OSCAR GARCIA

Following two very tough away fixtures this week, but two very positive results, it is nice to be back at home for today's game.

As always in the Championship, we are anticipating another difficult encounter this afternoon. However, we enter this game in a very positive frame of mind following our last two performances.

At Reading we took the game to our opponents, created a number of very good chances, but just couldn't find the goal that our build-up play often deserved.

Against QPR it was a less open match but one where we again defended very well. Our defensive qualities have been excellent of late; we look solid

throughout the team and now if we can find our goalscoring touch at the other end of the pitch, we can look forward to the rest of the season with plenty of confidence.

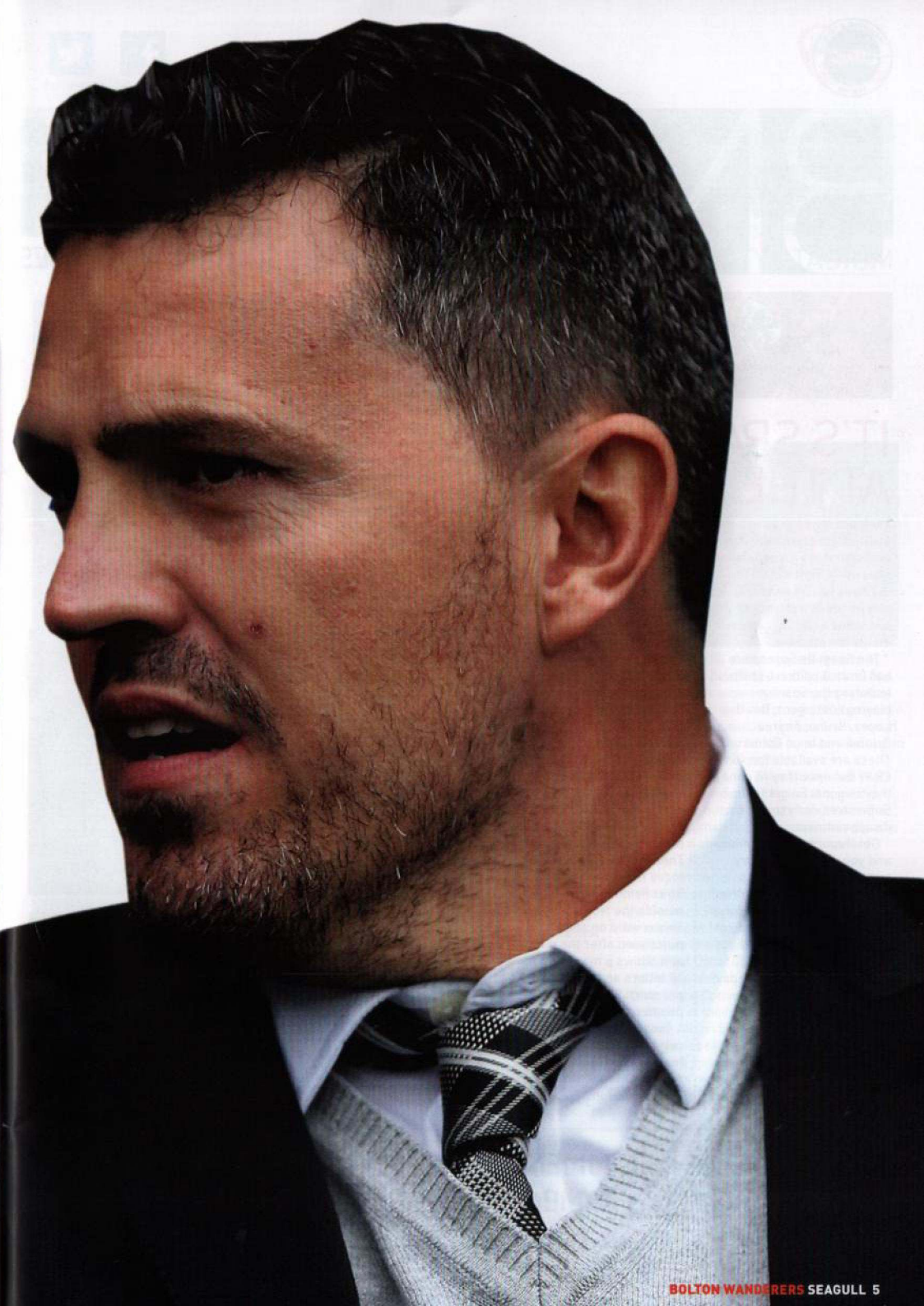
Finally, a big thank you once again for your support on the road this week – your vocal presence at Reading and QPR was fantastic.

On a personal note, be it on a matchday, at club events or out in the city, the welcome you've given me has been wonderful and sincere. I thank you all for that and hopefully we can repay your faith in all of us with many good performances on the pitch this season.

Enjoy the game.

Oscar.

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BN1 HOTLINE

THE LATEST



IT'S SPANISH DAY AT THE AMEX!

Look out for a range of Spanish-flavoured special editions at the Amex this afternoon, which starts in the Seagulls Superstore and includes a chance to win some amazing prizes inside the stadium.

The Seagulls Superstore has limited edition t-shirts featuring the Spanish playing contingent; David Lopez, Bruno, Andrea Orlandi and Inigo Calderon. These are available for £9.99 but once they're gone, they're gone. So get to the Superstore early to avoid disappointment.

Get through the turnstiles and you will be able to try two special Spanish pies from the kiosks, one for the meat eater and another for the vegetarians amongst you. Catalan beer Cruzcampo will also be available throughout the day, in keeping with the theme.

If you have dressed up in Spanish fancy dress today make sure that you're sat down inside the stadium for Fan Zone (ten minutes before kick-off) as the winners

will be picked out on the big screens. Some amazing prizes are up for grabs which includes vouchers to spend with Thomas Cook, a meal for two at Casa Don Carlos, two tickets for a future home league game... plus David Lopez's match shirt, which will be presented to the winner by the Spanish midfielder after a training session. One lucky child will also win an opportunity to lead Albion out as mascot for a game this season.

After the game, the club is offering free back-of-shirt printing when buying a new replica home or away shirt. This offer is only available today from the North Stand Shirt Printing cabin located outside the North Stand. This is valid on shirts purchased after the match and allows a maximum of 12 letters and 2 numbers per shirt. Sponsor sleeve patches not included.

Today's programme also celebrates Spanish Day with features on David Lopez, Andrea Orlandi, Bruno and Inigo Calderon.

LONG DISTANCE SEAGULLS

Following news of season-ticket holder David Kelmanson's journey from Stratford-upon-Avon to the Amex for 'home' games, we've been contacted by Brighton Bill (Arnold), who lives in Bradford, West Yorkshire, and has a round trip of 550 miles to watch the Seagulls.



"On a Saturday morning I get a taxi from Idle in Bradford to Shipley railway station and catch the 7.39am train via Leeds to King's Cross in London," he tells us. "I then walk over to St Pancras and get the Thameslink service down and arrive in Dick's Bar for 12.50pm.

"I have supported Brighton since I was 10 years old in 1961; I have also been a member of the Supporters Club since the early 60s, a previous gateman and steward at the Goldstone and a season-ticket holder for many years.

"I have lived in Yorkshire since 1989 and would like to say a big thank you to my very good friends Wayne and Mark whose mum Iris lets me stay overnight at their house in Lancing so we can go out in Brighton on a Saturday evening to celebrate our wins, love to you all."

CLIFFORD WALKER

The club were sad to hear of the recent passing of Clifford Walker, aged 87.



Clifford was an Albion fan for 60 years and was so proud of his local team getting to Wembley in 1983, he decorated his car with blue and white. During his journey to the stadium he was stopped by the police and told he could not drive the car any further due to the excessive decoration. He swiftly dumped the car and got on a train to Wembley!

"Due to Alzheimer's, he could not continue to attend recent matches and sadly missed seeing his beloved team play at the new stadium," said Debbie Batehup, his granddaughter. "You are here now granddad thanks to BHAFC. Sleep tight husband, dad, grandad, a true legend in your own right."

BABY JOY

Congratulations to Rebecca Smith, a 1901 Club staff member, and Liam Dewdney, North Stand ticket holder, on the birth of their daughter Leah on Thursday 5th September.



WELCOME CRAIG

A warm welcome to Craig Conway, who has joined the Albion on a 93-day short-term loan from Cardiff City - running up to, and including, the match at Middlesbrough on 14th December.

For more from the Scotland international, see page 33 of today's Seagull.

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NEWS FROM INSIDE THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMMUNITY STADIUM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sheila Sandford is 80 years old today and is attending her first ever football match!

Lots of love, Mark, Gail, Paul, Christopher, Carla and Jordan.



A happy 60th birthday to Keith Long, from Nancy, Stephen, Daniel and family.

Keith sits in the West Stand, has been a fan since the age of seven and managed Worthing United in the 1990s.



Happy 40th birthday Bobby from Dileep, Hari, Ajay, Gemma and everyone celebrating at the match with you in the West Stand today.



IN THE CROWD

In the crowd today are Adur Athletic under-12s, who won the SSYFL Sportsmanship Trophy last season and have been brought to watch Brighton play as a reward.



We also wish a happy birthday to one of their players, Toby Sullivan-Foulkes, who is 12 today.

Also in the crowd are staff and students from Steyning Grammar School, and finally, we welcome Kent College Junior and Infant School from Canterbury.

They played Lancing Prep yesterday and Brighton College Junior School today. They have enjoyed watching the Albion play at Withead and can't wait to watch them at the Amex!

MONICA'S SPANISH CONNECTION

As a lifelong Seagulls supporter, season ticket holder Monica Fletcher OBE from Warwick has been busy building Spanish links as two weeks ago she was giving a prestigious award to FC Barcelona.

Monica is Chief Executive of Education for Health (www.educationforhealth.org), an international charity, which prides itself in improving the lives of people with long term conditions such as asthma, COPD and diabetes. She is also Chair of the European Lung Foundation (www.european-lung-foundation.org) and this summer she was awarded an OBE for her work.

Some 600,000 people die annually across Europe from a lung disease: 50% are smoking related. Despite legislation on smoking in public places and increased taxation, smoking rates remains high across Europe. In the UK it's around 20% but in Spain rates top 30%. According to the country's health ministry some 50,000 Spaniards die annually from smoking-related illnesses.

As the Albion have already demonstrated with their 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign football clubs are in a unique position to influence the health of their fans.

So in 2011, when an anti-smoking law was introduced in Spain outlawing smoking in bars and restaurants, FC Barcelona became the first club in Spain to go smoke free.

With a capacity crowd of 90,000 this was a tough move. However medical director Jordi Monies and club president Sandro Rosell were determined, staying true to their club values of health, respect and community. In 2012 they set about a major public health initiative and teamed up with the European Commission to introduce the FCB iCoach (www.quitsmokingwithbarca). When a smoker



signs up, they fill in a brief questionnaire to establish they help they need. Advice and tips based on these answers are then provided by Barça coaches, staff and players. Within weeks of launching thousands of people from around the world signed up for the personalised app to help them quit smoking.

The European Lung Foundation, each year awards an individual or organisation who has made an outstanding contribution to the service of human health in respiratory disease and it was a unanimous decision to award Barcelona FC.

In September in front of over 4,000 people Monica presented the award to Dr Jordi Monies and Gerhard Steppes from the EU, and after the ceremony Monica (in Albion mode!) also made sure she spent some time talking to Jordi about Oscar Garcia and his time at Barça.

Monica is also impressed with the work Albion in the Community are doing to improve the health of their fans. She and husband John are loyal Albion fans, travelling 320 miles for home games but she confesses, "I will now have a soft spot for Barça."

Monica is pictured with Gerhard Steppes (left) and Dr Jordi Monies.



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LANCING TO SIGNAL A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ALBION

Albion Head of Football Operations, David Burke, believes the advent of Albion's new training complex at Lancing will, given time, spark a wave of home-grown players coming through the ranks at the club...



Last season, Adam El-Abd and Dean Hammond were the only first-team regulars to have originated from the Seagulls' youth system, but with Financial Fair Play now upon us, there is a greater need for clubs to produce their own players rather than rely on dipping into the transfer market.

The new state-of-the-art training facility at Lancing, which is on schedule to open next summer, will give Albion the opportunity to attract a higher calibre of player, and David Burke is certainly excited for the future of the club.

"The idea is ultimately to produce home-grown players because as a business model it's the best way forward for the football club," he told Seagull. "We will have a new, state-of-

the-art facility, with high quality pitches, changing facilities and enhanced technology in all the support departments, making it a fantastic tool for the recruitment of players at all age groups.

"We've seen already the benefits of having the Amex when recruiting players for the first team, so when players – both at junior and senior level – see a training environment that will be as good if not better than most Premier League clubs, it will be easier to attract players.

"It will also benefit us from a local point of view as, historically, the 'best talent' in the local area has gone to the Premier League Academies because they've been able to offer the best facilities, the best games programme, more training

hours and the best staff and players.

"As a Centre of Excellence it was difficult for us to put a case forward to these players but now, as a Category 2 Academy club, we'll have all these elements in place and much, much more. It will mean the best players locally won't have to leave the area; why would you drive 55 miles five times a week for a facility when you've got one on your doorstep? We'll also be able to attract players from outside our area because we'd hope they'd choose us to develop their potential."

When completed, the first-team facilities will include two match pitches, which are exact replicas of the Amex pitch using the same material, two further full-sized, high-quality

soil-based pitches, a three-quarter-sized pitch, plus training grids, goalkeeper areas, running track and a rehab zone.

On the Academy side, there are a further five full-sized pitches, two of which are synthetic, a three-quarter-sized pitch, and a half-sized pitch. There is also a half-sized indoor pitch, running hill and futsal court, together with more goalkeeper training areas and training grids. In addition, a third outdoor synthetic pitch has also been allocated for community use.

Then, of course, there is the building itself...

"The building is designed to be aspirational," adds Albion executive director Martin Perry, who is overseeing the project. "In the Academy side of the

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building there are nine changing rooms designed so that each age group work their way down the corridor, then across from the main reception to the Academy U21 team and first-team changing rooms.

"We will also have a fully operational gym for the players, medical areas, player relaxation areas for the first team and academy, who will also have their own dining rooms. There will be administration facilities for the manager and his coaches, assistants and analysts, together with our football operations and media teams."

While the players will certainly have the best opportunity to accelerate their careers at Lancing, Burke states that the club's coaches will also be given

the platform to improve – which again will ultimately strengthen teams at all levels.

"We will give our coaches the best facilities to not only deliver their knowledge on technical and tactical work with the players, but also for us to educate them and improve them as coaches," he adds. "We will also be able to develop our strength and conditioning department, physiotherapy, medical and all the other support staff who work at the club, such as sports science, performance analysis and sports psychology."

"It really is an elite performance centre which will give all the players from 7–21 the support structure and environment to hopefully fulfil their potential. There

are also some unique ideas in place that will stand us out from other clubs, to help give the players more hours of learning on the pitch and off it, and more details will follow nearer the time.

"Already the training ground is helping us in the recruitment process; we've got images and videos to show players and their parents, which not only portray all elements of the training ground but also promote Brighton and Hove as a city: the cosmopolitan and vibrant lifestyle, how close the city is to London and Gatwick, and the café, restaurant and seafront attractions. Allied with the Amex Stadium, we really can offer the complete package now. The future is looking really bright for Brighton & Hove Albion FC."

You can watch Martin Perry at the new training complex at Lancing on the club's new YouTube channel www.youtube.com/user/officialbhafc



PAUL BARBER

Welcome back to the Amex for this afternoon's game against Bolton Wanderers, following two excellent team performances at Reading and QPR in the past week

Let's not forget that both Reading and QPR are amongst those Championship rivals benefitting from parachute payment-led player budgets following their relegation from the Premier League last season, so full credit to Oscar Garcia, his coaching staff, and of course the players for two great displays. Credit and thanks also to our fans for making two away trips in four days - the support we received was, as ever, fantastic.

The team's performances certainly augur well for the rest of what we know will be another highly competitive season and they also speak volumes for the impact the new coaching staff are having on the team. Yet it's not just on the pitch where Oscar and his staff have settled well; they're also keen to be involved behind the scenes - be it meeting fans, the club's staff, or helping to promote our club through retail events or with ticket sales.

The recent international break gave all of us at the club the opportunity to reflect on the start to the season, and consider much of your feedback, via e-mail, letter, social media and other means. I want to use my column today to let you know about a number of initiatives and improvements at the club - some of which are in response to your suggestions and your helpful constructive criticism - that we hope will make supporting the Albion easier and more enjoyable for all of our supporters.

TRAVEL

Better cycle, footpath and rail services. By the end of September the Lewes

Road cycle-and-bus lanes will be completed. They are already in use but need a few finishing touches. The bus lane has significantly reduced bus journey times and the possibility of traffic delays for the buses from the Mithras House park-and-ride site and the main bus services along this route to the stadium.

The cycle lane makes it easier and safer to cycle to the stadium, and good news for cyclists and walkers, the surfacing of the bridleway running from Woodingdean to Falmer village is due to be completed by the end of September.

Network Rail are putting in extra signals on the train line between Brighton and Lewes, and increasing the length of the platform at Falmer Station. These works are scheduled to be completed by the end of January, and will mean all the doors will be able to be used when loading the longer trains. The signalling work will reduce the time between trains arriving at Falmer from six minutes to three minutes, and will also halve the time that it will take to clear the train queues.

ECASH AND CATERING

Overall, ecash has been a big success at the Amex, with more than 25% of fans using it to pay at the kiosks on a matchday. Compared with other clubs, this is a huge number - we are leading the market - but it is a number we still want to grow and to do so we will need your help. We understand supporters are getting used to the new cashback scales and we are aware of the small number of issues with the system. We have now identified where

the problem lies and are confident we can eradicate these minor gremlins. Meantime, early signs are that our graduated cashback levels are smoothing queuing times and helping supporters get served faster.

We will also be installing ecash check points around the stadium so fans can check balances, review transactions, and access other information. It helps us enormously if you can pay by ecash, and it cuts queuing times for everyone. It helps us even more if you can upload online, and we are also working to improve and update the ecash upload portal. However, we do realise this isn't always possible, therefore we will be installing an exclusive ecash top-up point next to the shirt-printing outlet, opposite the Seagulls Superstore, which will allow more people into the shop who want to browse or shop for merchandise while also speeding up retail transactions.

Finally, with regard to our concourse catering, your feedback has been extremely valuable and, while we are pleased with the work Sodexo Prestige have already carried out, we are working with them as we strive for as close to match day perfection as is possible. We know many of you want more choice, but it is vital we get the balance right, so as not to slow down service and reduce product availability. You will see more beer options via the mobile units in the concourses today, and Sodexo have already enhanced their range of products to include some of your requests - such as adding chips in the North Stand - and some

new products, like the pulled-pork baps, which are proving popular already. Rest assured, we will keep listening and improving.

NEW MOBILE SHOP

We have re-evaluated our retail set-up and we have taken the decision to close the store in Queen's Road next year. Unfortunately, the site is losing money and that is something we clearly needed to address. However, we do appreciate many of you want to see a club presence in the city centre, and you will soon see a new mobile and more flexible retail presence in the city. The aim is to have our unit in Brighton on the day before and the day of each home game, for ticket sales and merchandise. As we have a fan base spread across the county, on other days the plan is for the unit to go on tour around Sussex to other towns, selling tickets and merchandise. We'll also be looking to get the mobile unit out to shows and events across the county to build our brand profile and improve sales. We'd like your feedback on this, particularly if you are able to provide ideas for a good location with good footfall for the mobile unit.

TRAINING GROUND

Our new training ground and Academy is well on schedule [see pages 8-9 of today's programme], and Martin Perry and his team are working very hard to ensure it is ready for Oscar and the players next summer. I know it is already causing real excitement amongst our fan base, and many of you have asked about tours of the facility - both during the build

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phase and once opened. It's a very tight build schedule, and of course once operational Oscar and the team will want as much privacy as possible as you would expect with any club. Nonetheless, we aim to offer some season-ticket holders and Seagulls Priority members the opportunity to look around at different points each season.

As much as we would like to, it is simply not practical to invite 23,000 season-ticket holders and Seagulls Priority members, so a limited number of tour parties will most likely be formed via a random selection process or via ballot of season-ticket holders and Seagulls Priority members. It's essential we do not disrupt the building schedule, but it is something I've asked Martin and his team to look into. In the meantime, the media department have also filmed a training ground tour with Martin, and we will continue to keep you updated on developments at Lancing via our new free YouTube channel.

PLATINUM MEMBERS Q&A

When we launched the Seagulls Priority scheme, incorporating all season ticket holders and club members, I promised we would look to use the newly segmented database of supporters to create special events and offers for members at all levels to

provide added value for the money you already spend with us. In addition to the limited training ground tours mentioned above, there will be a special boardroom question and answer session with Tony and myself for our Platinum level Seagulls Priority members. Our Platinum tier members show tremendous loyalty to the club, committing upfront to attending all home and away matches. As a small thank you for such great support and commitment, Platinum members will be receiving a special invitation to the club's boardroom prior to our late afternoon kick-off against Nottingham Forest next

month. Platinum members (and a guest of their choice) will have the opportunity to quiz both Tony and myself over some drinks and snacks before the stadium gates open.

The invitation with further details will be sent to Platinum members shortly.

Finally, as ever, I'd like to thank all supporters for the fantastic support you provide to the club. As the club continues to grow and we strive for our ultimate ambition of competing at the very top of the English game, it is important we continue to engage with our supporters and retain our close links with the wider community.

I do appreciate that as we evolve and develop the club not every decision will be liked by every supporter but I can assure you that every change we make is designed to improve our future prospects and will have been taken with the club's very best interests at heart. The vast majority of the feedback we receive continues to be positive and very encouraging in the feedback, so thank you for that. Please keep sending us your feedback, comments, criticisms, and suggestions: we may not always agree but we will always listen.

Most importantly, please keep supporting Oscar and the team!



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THE BIG PICTURE

David Lopez takes a look at his life, both on the pitch and off it, thru a lens...

THE EARLY YEARS

I was born and brought up in Logrono, in the region of La Rioja, in northern Spain. It's quite a small town but is famous in Spain for its wine and also its many restaurants. From the age of three or four, I was always with a football. I would play at school, anywhere, and played for

different clubs in Logrono before going to Pamplona to join Osasuna. I was there for seven years, playing for three years in La Liga with them, before spending five years with Athletic Bilbao.

FIGO FAN

I always supported my local team, Logrones, and although they once played in the top division in Spain, they have now fallen on difficult times. There are many teams in the Basque region, and they suffered because of this. I also supported Barcelona growing up, along with my father, because they always played good football and had very good players. My favourite player was Luis Figo, as he played in the same position as me on the right side of midfield. He was unbelievable and someone I looked up to a lot.

SCHOOL'S OUT

I didn't mind school, but I wasn't particularly keen on studying. I didn't stand out in maths, science or any particular subject because all I wanted to do was play football and become a footballer. Fortunately, things worked out the way I wanted but I wouldn't have a clue what I would be doing now if I hadn't made a career in the game. Maybe I would have been involved in sport in some way.

"My first match will always be a special memory for me because it came in La Liga and I scored with my first touch of the ball!"



DREAM DEBUT

My first match as a professional footballer will always be a special memory for me because it came in La Liga and I scored the winning goal with my first touch of the ball! I was playing for Osasuna against Albacete in 2004 and the score was 2-2 when I came on in the second half. The ball came to me, I shot and it went in! It was unbelievable and an incredible feeling to have achieved this in my very first match.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE!

The most important match of my career in Spain was with Osasuna again, in May 2006. It was the last game of the season and we needed to beat Valencia to take fourth place and qualify for the Champions League. We went on to win the match 2-1 and I scored the all-important winning goal. It was another amazing day and I will always remember the celebrations in the stadium afterwards with the fans. It was a good day.

"Today is 'Spanish Day' at the club, which is great for the fans and great for us Spanish players"





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BRAZILIANT!

The most difficult opponent I've ever faced in my career as a right midfielder is Roberto Carlos of Real Madrid. He was just so quick and strong. He might have been in his early 30s then but he had the athleticism of a player maybe six or seven years younger. To get up and down the pitch was no problem for him. I remember whenever I got the ball, he would be on to me straight away, trying to pressure me into losing the ball.

FLYING SEAGULL

My best moment in an Albion shirt so far would be the final two or three months of last season. I had broken into the team and was playing regularly, and the momentum just seemed to grow. I was playing really well, the team was playing really well, and it was just a shame that we couldn't go all the way and win promotion to the Premier League.

"The last film I saw here was Wolverine, about a month ago. I really enjoyed it"

CINEMATIC

Away from football, I like to spend time with my family and play with my daughter. I also like the PlayStation and to visit the cinema. I watch more films when I am back in Spain because obviously I can understand what they are saying better, but I still go to the cinema here in Brighton. The last film I saw here was Wolverine, about a month ago. I really enjoyed it.

SPANISH DAVE!

It's great how the Albion fans have embraced me at the club. I love the fact they call me Spanish Dave – it makes me smile a lot. In fact, all the Spanish and overseas players here have been made very welcome and we all appreciate it. I know that today is Spanish Day at the club, which is great for the fans and great for us Spanish players. It will feel like we are playing at home in Spain! I can't thank the fans and the people at the club enough for making me and my family so welcome here.



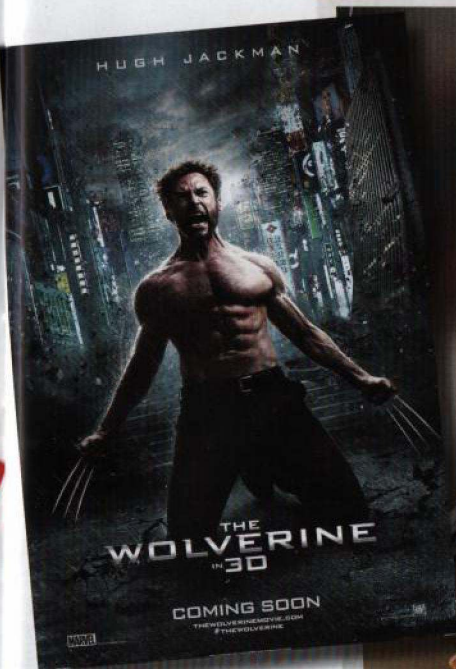
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We have had a lot of changes off the pitch this summer, but we are still targeting the play-offs. Although we have a new coach and backroom team, the style of play is similar to last season and the team is similar, so it's not a problem for us. The training might be a bit different and the coach might want us to play in a slightly different way, but the identity remains the same – we want to play good football. I have a good feeling about this season and I think we can do well again.

LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL

I would like to think I have a few more years playing football yet, so I haven't really thought too much about what I will do when I retire. I would like to stay involved in the game but at this moment in time, I can't see myself as a manager. That might change, who knows, but maybe I will be involved in coaching instead.

"He might have been in his early 30s but he had the athleticism of a player maybe six or seven years younger"



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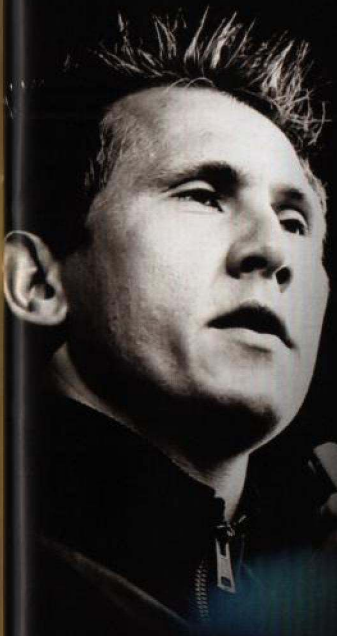


YEARS OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- 1896 Peter Shilton becomes first player to make 1000 league appearances
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- 1983 Canon become first sponsor of The Football League
- 1981 3 points for a win introduced
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CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

Goalkeeper Tomasz Kuszczak reflects on a good week following the shut-outs at Reading and QPR

Well Tomasz, another good result and performance at QPR on Wednesday...

I think it was a fair result and a good result for us. We tried to get the three points but we were really solid and we knew that against QPR our defensive shape would be very important. QPR played very well and they are very strong at home, but we stuck to our game plan and it worked for us.

That's one goal conceded in five games, so how pleased are you with the defence?

I would rather have had three points against QPR, but full credit to the team, it was a tough game, maybe our toughest of the whole season. Against Reading we had opportunities to score, maybe not against QPR, but the key in these games is to defend well and we have been doing that – not just at the back but the whole team.

It must help having so many experienced players...

We are still learning [under Oscar Garcia] but we have experienced players, especially at the back who you don't have to say things twice to. We listen to the gaffer and then we go out and do our job; tactically, football is about individuals and it is good for the team that we have a few players with plenty of experience on the pitch.

Keith Andrews will be missing on Saturday. Is that a big blow as he has been playing well?

He is a great player, very comfortable with the ball. You can see the difference he makes; he is playing a similar role to Liam Bridcutt last season and although he is not allowed to play today, we still have players who can play that role.

Stephen Ward has also done a fine job on loan, hasn't he?

After Wayne Bridge left at the end of last season, it left a gap in the team, but Stephen has come in and done a great job. He is another player who brings experience to the team and now, when you look throughout the side, everyone looks comfortable in their positions.

"The key in these games is to defend well and we have been doing that – not just at the back but the whole team"

Is it nice to be back at the Amex?

Now the pressure is on us, we are at home and after two difficult games, I hope everyone recovers well because we've done fantastic and run a lot of miles in the last two games. The key is to recover and be ready for Bolton. We had a difficult game against them last season, where we had many chances but couldn't score.

You made a couple of fine saves at QPR so are you pleased with your own form?

It's slowly coming together. I wasn't happy at the start of the season, where I felt I had to work harder and there were many changes going on at the club, but I'm on a good track now. I was pleased with my performances at Reading and QPR; I just try to be solid and help the team.



BOLTON LOOK FOR A CHANGE OF FORTUNE

Dougie Freedman's Bolton Wanderers arrive at the Amex this afternoon still searching for their first league win of the season, writes James Ward

Last Saturday's 1-0 home defeat against Leeds United confirmed the Trotters' worst start to a league season in 50 years, with the side having collected just two points from their first six Championship matches.

A 2-2 at home to Derby County on Tuesday night ended a run of four straight defeats but it left the side sitting bottom of the Championship table.

"It was certainly a spirited performance but it's a game we should win,"

Freedman said after the draw with the Rams. "There was loads of plusses, it's just you score a couple of goals and where you are right now you think that's going to be enough for you but it doesn't quite work that way."

The Trotters began the campaign with a creditable draw against Burnley at Turf Moor in front of the television cameras, but followed that up with away-day defeats to Nottingham Forest and Blackburn Rovers.

In fact, August's 4-1 thrashing at Ewood Park left Freedman's men

bottom of the table and the club's poor start got worse when they were also dumped out of the League Cup by League One Tranmere Rovers on penalties.

Their struggles have surprised many, considering the club came so close to sneaking into the Play-Off positions at the end of last term, but there were plenty of comings and goings in the summer, with Freedman bringing in no less than nine new faces.

Perhaps the stand-out capture was Jay Spearing from Liverpool, who agreed a four-

year contract at the Reebok Stadium after spending last season at the club on loan.

Andre Moritz, formerly of Crystal Palace, also arrived, along with strikers Jermaine Beckford and Robert Hall from Leicester City and West Ham respectively.

Wanderers added to their defensive options too, bringing in left-back Marc Tierney and former Blackpool man Alex Baptiste, who both have Premier League experience.

With just five goals scored, Wanderers will hope to find their scoring boots sooner rather than later and with



Jay Spearing

60-SECOND GUIDE TO

The Gaffer

Dougie Freedman is best known for scoring 108 goals across two playing spells with Crystal Palace. He went on to manage the Eagles, but departed in October 2012 when he replaced Owen Coyle at the Reebok Stadium. After taking the reins, Bolton finished 7th last season.



Up for the Cup

Bolton have won the FA Cup four times in their history. They first won the trophy in 1923, where they beat West Ham 2-0 in the first Cup Final to be played at Wembley Stadium.



talisman Kevin Davies no longer at the club, Freedman is confident former Leeds, Everton and Leicester hitman Jermaine Beckford will step up to the plate.

"Jermaine is going through a spell when he is not scoring as many goals as he would like," says the Bolton boss. "But he

is getting opportunities and his movement is fantastic. To the naked eye, it might seem he is not scoring but it is up to the team to carry on creating opportunities for Jermaine and he will soon take them.

"At Leeds, like any forward, he was possibly working off a bit

of instinct for a couple of years. At Bolton, it's kind of wait until I get the first one and then I will work off instinct.

"If he keeps on getting in the right areas and he keeps getting the opportunities then the goals will come. "It's a no brainer for me."

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Dougie Freedman on
Jermaine Beckford



THE TROTTERS

Holy beginnings

The club was first formed in 1874 as Christ Church Football Club and were one of the founder members of the Football League.



Euro trotters

Bolton have twice qualified for the UEFA Cup in the past decade, reaching the last 32 in 2006 and the last 16 in 2008.



Nat's entertainment

Bolton's all-time record goalscorer is Nat Lofthouse, who scored 255 goals for the club between 1946 and 1960. The forward also scored 30 times for England, and earned the nickname 'Lion of Vienna' after notching the winning goal against Austria in 1952 following a run from the halfway line.



TOP-FLIGHT TROUBLES

The Trotters hold the record for the most years spent in the top flight without ever winning the title - 72 years in total.

The club's best finish is third, achieved on three occasions in 1892, 1921 and 1925.



With plenty of experience in their squad, Dougie Freedman will be confident Bolton can recover from their poor start

ONES TO WATCH

A League appearances for Bolton **G** Goals for Bolton

Adam Bogdan



Zat Knight



Goalkeepers

Adam Bogdan **72** **0**

Age: 25 **Nationality:** Hungarian Bogdan joined Bolton in 2007 from Hungarian side Vasas, but his Wanderers appearances had initially been few and far between due to the consistency of the club's former stopper, Jussi Jaaskelainen. But the goalkeeper eventually got his chance, and took it with both hands. His impressive run of form saw Jaaskelainen move to West Ham United and allowed Bogdan to nail down the club's number one spot.

Andy Lonergan **5** **0**

Age: 29 **Nationality:** English Wanderers signed Lonergan from Leeds in 2012. The goalkeeper began his career at Preston North End, making his first team debut aged 16 in a League Cup game against Coventry in 2000.

Jay Lynch **0** **0**

Age: 19 **Nationality:** English Lynch joined the club from Manchester United but has yet to make his debut since arriving two years ago.

Defenders

Tyrone Mears **27** **0**

Age: 30 **Nationality:** Jamaican Mears' Bolton career got off to a bad start when he broke his leg just one week after signing for the club in 2011. Before signing for the Trotters, Mears had spells with Burnley, Derby and Marseille.

Matt Mills **19** **1**

Age: 27 **Nationality:** English Mills signed for Bolton from Leicester City in June 2012. He originally started his career at Southampton, before enjoying spells with Manchester City, Doncaster and Reading.

Tim Ream **29** **0**

Age: 25 **Nationality:** American Ream was about to jet off on his honeymoon when he was told his transfer to the Reebok Stadium had been finalised, forcing him to cancel the trip, in 2012. Ream joined from New York Red Bulls.

Zat Knight **137** **2**

Age: 33 **Nationality:** English Solihull-born Knight joined Wanderers from Aston Villa after making his professional

debut at Fulham back in 2000. The former England Under-21 international racked up 181 appearances for the Cottagers. Knight's 6ft 6in stature means he is one of the tallest defenders in the Championship, while former Albion striker Leon Knight is Zat's cousin. He made his senior England debut in May 2005 as a substitute in a friendly against the United States.

Alex Baptiste **6** **2**

Age: 27 **Nationality:** English Full-back Baptiste came through the ranks at Mansfield Town, where he made over 150 appearances. He then spent five years at Blackpool, including a season in the Premier League, before moving to Bolton this summer.

Joe Riley **3** **0**

Age: 21 **Nationality:** English Riley is a graduate of the Bolton Wanderers academy and has been at the club since the age of nine.

Marc Tierney **5** **0**

Age: 28 **Nationality:** English Tierney began his career at Oldham and, over the past two seasons, has played for Norwich City in the Premier League.

David Wheater **42** **2**

Age: 26 **Nationality:** English Wheater made his name in the Premier League for Middlesbrough before moving to the Reebok Stadium in 2011 for £2.3 million.

Midfielders

Jay Sparring **43** **2**

Age: 24 **Nationality:** English Sparring was on loan at the Reebok Stadium from Liverpool last season, before signing a permanent deal with the club this summer.

Chris Eagles **78** **17**

Age: 27 **Nationality:** English Eagles joined Bolton on the same day as Tyrone Mears, as ex-manager Owen Coyle made a double transfer swoop from Burnley in July 2011. As a youngster, Eagles came through the ranks at Watford before joining Manchester United at the age of 14. But opportunities under Sir Alex Ferguson were limited and Eagles instead spent much of his Old Trafford career out on loan. During his time at Burnley, he was a key member of



Chris Eagles

Darren Pratley

Chung-Yong Lee

David Ngog

the squad who won promotion to the Premier League via the Play-Offs in 2009. Eagles was Bolton's top scorer last season, netting 12 times.

Andre Moritz 1 0

Age: 27 Nationality: Brazilian Moritz was re-united with Dougie Freedman at Bolton this summer after the same manager signed the Brazilian midfielder for Crystal Palace last August.

Mark Davies 110 11

Age: 25 Nationality: English Davies signed for Bolton in January 2009 from Wolves. He is a product of the youth academy at Molineux and made his first-team debut in 2005.

Stuart Holden 30 2

Age: 28 Nationality: American Before moving to Bolton, Holden helped Houston Dynamo lift the MLS Cup in 2006. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland but chose to represent the USA on the international stage after moving to Texas as a boy.

Darren Pratley 58 5

Age: 28 Nationality: English Pratley was born in Barking and joined Bolton in 2011 after

his contract with Swansea City expired. Before his days at the Liberty Stadium, the centre midfielder progressed through the youth set-up at Fulham, where he enjoyed regular first-team football on loan with Brentford. Pratley scored the first goal of the Championship season in front of the Sky cameras against Burnley. In 2009, John Barnes picked Pratley to represent the country of his grandmother's birth, Jamaica, but he pulled out of the squad because of injury and is yet to make an international appearance.

Chung-Yong Lee 115 11

Age: 25 Nationality: S. Korean Chung-Yong Lee moved to Bolton from FC Seoul in August 2009 and instantly became a fans' favourite. A broken leg threatened to derail Lee's career but, despite the club's relegation from the Premier League in 2012, he chose to extend his stay with Wanderers and signed a new three-year contract with the club. He has played 48 times for the South Korean national team, netting five goals, and was named as

one of the top 10 rising stars of the 2010 World Cup by American sports media magazine, Sports Illustrated.

Joshua Vela 7 0

Age: 19 Nationality: English Vela is a product of the Wanderers Academy and signed professional terms with the club in 2011.

Mohamed Medo 19 1

Age: 25 Nationality: Sierra Leonean Medo signed for Bolton from Partizan Belgrade in January. He started his career with HJK Helsinki and is a Sierra Leone international, despite having dual citizenship with Finland.

Strikers

David Ngog 67 11

Age: 24 Nationality: French Bolton signed Ngog from Liverpool on transfer deadline day in August 2011 for an undisclosed fee. The striker had moved to Anfield from Paris Saint-Germain, where he came through the youth ranks, in 2008. During his three-year spell with Liverpool he scored 19 times and sometimes partnered Fernando Torres at the head of Liverpool's attack. On the international scene, Ngog earned caps at every French youth level

before making 18 appearances for France Under-21s

Jermaine Beckford 5 0

Age: 29 Nationality: Jamaican Beckford started his career as a trainee at Chelsea before shooting to prominence with Leeds, where he scored 84 goals over a five-year period. He then moved to Premier League Everton, before switching to Leicester last season. He joined Bolton from the Foxes in July.

Robert Hall 3 0

Age: 19 Nationality: English Formerly with West Ham United, Hall spent loan spells at Oxford, MK Dons, Birmingham and Bolton before joining the Trotters permanently this summer.

Craig Davies 20 4

Age: 27 Nationality: Welsh Ex-Seagull Davies joined Bolton from Barnsley in January for £300,000. He made 21 league appearances for the Albion before leaving the club for Chesterfield in July 2010, where he had the most productive spell of his career.

Tom Eaves 3 0

Age: 21 Nationality: English Eaves joined Bolton in the summer of 2010 from Oldham Athletic. He has since had loan spells at Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury.



Bolton find themselves bottom of the table, but boss Dougie Freedman still has his eyes firmly on a promotion push

DOUGIE'S POSITIVE OUTLOOK

It's been a disappointing start to the season for Wanderers boss Dougie Freedman, but he remains confident of turning the season around.

Such is the nature of this division, the Scot found himself in a similar position with Crystal Palace last season before an impressive run ultimately resulted in his move to Bolton in October.

The Eagles had reached the top three in the table by the time

he left and he remains confident that Wanderers can also turn their season around sooner rather than later.

"It's disappointing and I'm surprised at where we are, but it doesn't suggest it's going to go on," says the 39-year-old. "In patches, we're playing decent stuff and we've had decent performances, so that would suggest it won't go on for too much longer.

"When you're in this position you've got to not concede early goals and not concede from set pieces. Every single small

mistake is being punished right now. Once we stop that and get back to keeping a few clean sheets, life becomes a bit easier when you're attacking because you attack with a bit more freedom."

Wanderers, along with Sheffield Wednesday, have not won a league game all season and Millwall's win against Blackpool on Tuesday night saw the Trotters slip to the foot of the table. Yet despite their disappointing start, the Scot is focussing on the top of the table rather than the bottom.



"We've got the players at the top end who are able to play well in this division. They need to remain strong to get out of this"

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat 9th Mar 2013
Bolton 1-0 Brighton



BOLTON SEASON STATS 2013/14

25

Players used this season by Dougie Freedman

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Effort has hit the woodwork, by Medo

15

Shots fired off by Darren Pratley, four on target

15,275

The average attendance at the Reebok Stadium

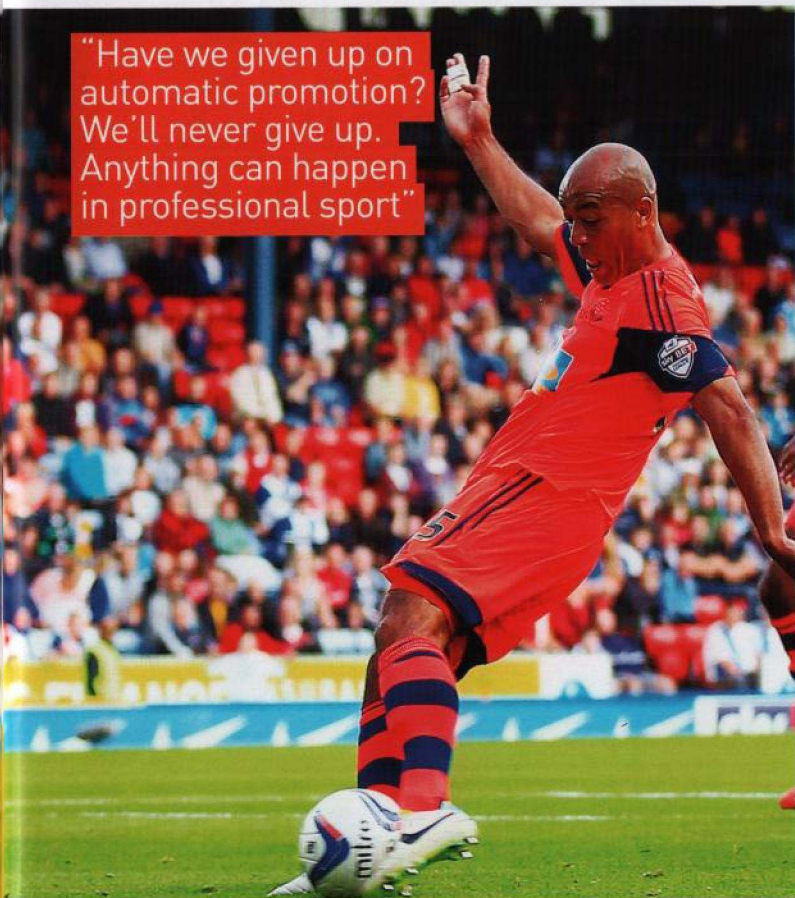
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Fouls picked up by Jay Spearing

4

Players have made a league assist: Tierney, Eagles, Ream and Spearing

"Have we given up on automatic promotion? We'll never give up. Anything can happen in professional sport"



"Have we given up on automatic promotion? We'll never give up. Anything can happen in professional sport," he points out. "I'm certainly not worried. You have your ups and downs but we've really got to start games better."

"We've got the players at the top end who are able to play well in this division. They need to remain strong to get out of this. I think we just need that first win to get ourselves going. You need to fight for everything you get in this division and I believe that once we do that we'll start to really get going."

With nine players coming into the set-up this summer, Freedman is also quick to point out that his new-look side are still finding their feet – a side which is more youthful in light of Financial Fair Play.

"In the summer I felt I had to reduce the age of the squad and buy younger players," Freedman adds. "Medo is 24, Rob Hall is 19, and I needed to make sure we had players who are on less money but had years in them. That is how I have addressed that. Now that is where maybe this club has to be patient."

"People forget that the capital outlay of buying a player is in all that as well, not just the wages."

"You need to look at the bigger picture and cut your cloth accordingly."

Last five encounters

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat 24th Nov 2012
Brighton 1-1 Bolton

DIVISION TWO
Sat 30th Jan 1993
Bolton 0-1 Brighton

DIVISION TWO
Sat 22nd Aug 1992
Brighton 2-1 Bolton

FA CUP
Sat 25th Jan 1992
Bolton 2-1 Brighton

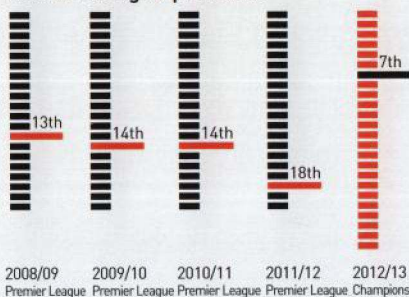
HEAD TO HEAD

37 BRIGHTON WINS

36 BOLTON WINS

23 DRAWS

Last five league positions



2008/09 Premier League 2009/10 Premier League 2010/11 Premier League 2011/12 Premier League 2012/13 Championship

HONOURS

**Second Division/
First Division champions
1908/09, 1977/78, 1996/97**

**Third Division champions
1972/73**

**FA Cup winners
1923, 1926, 1929, 1958**

THE BLAGGER'S GUIDE TO...

ALBION

VERSUS

BOLTON
WANDERERS



As viewed through the eyes of journalist and Seagulls fan, Spencer Vignes

THE LEGEND

Albion and Bolton had almost zilch to do with each other for seven decades, the result of them being a half-decent side gracing the upper echelons of the Football League while we scrimped and saved further down the food chain. In fact it wasn't until December 1971 that the sides first contested a league match, the two clubs having previously faced each other three times in the FA Cup (in 1907 and 1934, the latter requiring a replay). Since then we have sporadically bumped into each other in all but the fourth level of the professional game. In other words we're hardly bosom buddies. That said Albion and Bolton became close, albeit briefly, during the 1977/78 campaign when we were two of the four teams which ran away with what is now the Championship. Unfortunately only three clubs went up automatically (the play-offs had yet to be invented), Albion missing out on goal difference as Southampton and Spurs were promoted along with top-of-the-pile Wanderers. Ultimately Albion's results against Bolton that season (we lost 1-2 at home and drew 1-1 away) proved to be the difference between us staying down and going up. Oh well, at least I'm over it now. It has been 35 years after all. Honestly, I am over it. Okay, perhaps I'm not. Arrghh!

BEST GAME

Albion's 2-0 triumph at Burnden Park, Bolton's former home, on 12th January 1980. A top-flight match on a bone-hard pitch chosen by the BBC to be the main featured game on that night's Match of the Day. In what was arguably one of his best games in an Albion shirt, striker Peter Ward ran Wanderers absolutely ragged, scoring twice to ease Albion further away from the relegation zone (we stayed up while Bolton went down). 'Ward for England' screamed Sunday's headlines. 'Wardy' would ultimately win one solitary England cap later that year as a substitute versus Australia, playing for just eight minutes.

WORST GAME

Our 6-1 defeat in an FA Cup fourth round replay at Burnden Park on 31st January 1934. Albion had drawn the first game 1-1 at the Goldstone Ground having led at half-time through a Reg Wilkinson penalty (why can't more modern day players be called Reg?). Alas it was one-way traffic four days later in Lancashire as Wanderers took us to the cleaners, scoring three times in either half. Even our goal came courtesy of a Bolton player putting through his own net!

BLAGGER'S FACT

Albion's 3-1 win over Bolton at the Goldstone Ground on 1st September 1979 was our first ever victory in the top flight of English football. Goals by Ward, Paul Clark and Brian Horton did the damage against a Wanderers side featuring Peter Reid and Sam Allardyce. All told, Albion won 47 league matches in what is now the Premier League spanning four seasons from 1979 until 1983, the only time we've ever competed at that level.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

On 12th January 1907 Albion lost 3-1 to Bolton in an FA Cup first round tie at Burnden Park. 'What's so strange about that?' I hear you ask. Well the attendance that day was given as 19,330, the largest crowd ever to have watched an Albion game. That record would be smashed twice within the space of two weeks the following season when attendances of 20,000 and 36,000 were recorded for FA Cup matches against Preston North End and Liverpool.

PRIME MOVER

The natural instinct is to go for Albion legend Stuart Storer, scorer of the last ever goal at the Goldstone Ground and our talisman during the 'War Years' of the mid-to-late Nineties. Prior to that Stuart clocked up the best part of 200 appearances for Bolton, helping them to promotion from the old Fourth Division in 1988. But then you remember Frank Worthington, probably one of the most naturally gifted English-born players ever. Frank graced Burnden Park during the late Seventies, scoring what some people consider to be the finest goal of all time while wearing a Bolton shirt (a header followed by a spot of keepy-uppy with his back to goal, a delicate chip over the head combined with a 180 degree turn, all finished off with a left-foot drive low into the Ipswich Town net). He only spent one

season on the Albion payroll late in his career (1984/85) but the memory of Frank spraying passes with pin-point accuracy around the Goldstone turf lingers long. Storer or Worthington? I've sat here for 20 minutes pondering that question over a now-empty bottle of ale and I still can't decide. Right, gonna have to toss a coin for it. Heads for Stuart, tails for Frank. And the winner is... Frank.

'Ward for England' screamed Sunday's headlines. 'Wardy' would ultimately win one solitary England cap later that year as a substitute versus Australia, playing for just eight minutes

IF BOLTON WERE A BAND

In the eyes of Albion fans they would be The Smiths. A little bit dark, a little bit brooding, a little bit ironic, occasionally self-destructive, sometimes magnificent, a true product of north west England.

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THE VIEW FROM SPAIN

As we celebrate Spanish Day, just how are the Albion received in Spain? We got the views of a player, a fan and a journalist to find out more...

THE PLAYER ANDREA ORLANDI HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN BARCELONA, WHERE INTEREST IN THE ALBION IS CLEARLY ON THE RISE.

A player who started out at Barcelona and who played in the Spanish giants' first team, Andrea Orlandi moved to the UK six years ago, joining Swansea City and helping the club into the Premier League before his switch to the Albion last year.

While he has been away from his homeland for some time, he naturally maintains close links with family and friends, returning to his Catalan home when the opportunity arises. He made an unexpected trip last week, for surgery on an on-going knee problem, but while he was away he noted the interest in the Albion has been fuelled by Oscar Garcia's arrival.

"There has been growing interest in Brighton for the past two or three years, but back in Barcelona last week, I noticed that a lot more people know about the club. Whenever I mentioned that I played for Brighton, the response was 'ah, Oscar's team'."

"He is highly rated in Catalonia, with his success at Barca as a player and now as a coach. There were even people tipping him here to take over the first team when Tito Vilanova stepped down. That's

how highly regarded he is."

Aside from the coaching staff, Albion's Spanish contingent stands at four; throw Spanish speaking Leo Ulloa into the mix, who has played much of his career in the country, and there have been occasions when half the Seagulls' first team have had an Iberian influence.

Naturally this has caught the eye of Spanish journalists and Orlandi admits that the team now creates its own headlines back home.

"With the club moving stadium, doing well last season in the Championship and again hopefully going for the play-offs this season, there is interest from the journalists in Spain as well," Orlandi adds. "I get requests for interviews if I score or the team does well, especially in Barcelona, and I'm sure it's the same for the other lads."

"I'm happy to do this because it helps us explain our experiences to the people back home. People in Spain see the Championship as just a second division and raise their eyes, but when I tell them that Brighton have crowds of 28,000 every game, sometimes 30,000 they are amazed. That is something to be proud of and it's good that I can help increase the club's profile in this way."

While he is currently recuperating and unable to play today, Orlandi is ready to embrace Spanish Day from the sidelines and thank the fans for their support since he joined the club in the summer of 2012.

"The fans have really embraced us, which is fantastic," he adds. "I remember in Spain we had a lot of Argentineans and if things went wrong, they were

"The English lads are making an effort to learn some Spanish. Adam El-Abd, Matthew Upson... Kemy [Agustien] can speak a bit and Ashley Barnes tries hard!"



the first to be blamed, but over here the Brighton fans have really got behind the Spanish players.

"Obviously it helps if you are performing on the pitch but I've found the English fans to be really open minded and welcoming. Spanish Day is another example of this and I'd like to say a big thank you for all the support the Albion fans have given me since I signed for the club."

There remains one question – do the players converse in Spanish or English out on the training ground?

"We are an English team playing in England so when we are together we speak English," is the response. "Obviously if I'm in a one-on-one conversation with one of the Spanish lads, then we will speak in our own language as we can get our message across easier."

"But the English lads are making an effort to learn some Spanish. Adam El-Abd, Matthew Upson... Kemy [Agustien] can speak a bit and Ashley Barnes tries hard!"

"It was also hilarious seeing GG [Gordon Greer] and Leo [Ulloa] explaining to each other the word 'there!' and of course there are some Spanish words all the English lads know – the swear words!"

"Whenever I mentioned that I played for Brighton, the response was 'ah, Oscar's team'"





THE FAN MADRID-BASED FRAN GUILLÉN EXPLAINS HOW HE BECAME AN ALBION FOLLOWER

While I'm an Atletico Madrid supporter, my interest in Brighton first started when Gus Poyet was appointed manager. While he wasn't Spanish, I was obviously aware of him from his time playing in Spain with Real Zaragoza. Then the club signed Inigo Calderon and Fran Sandaza, and my interest grew even more.

I was particularly keen to see how Sandaza would get on in the English league, having done really well during his time with Dundee United. He had all the qualities, I thought, to be a big success at Brighton but it didn't really work out for him.

But with the club promoted to the Championship and playing at the Amex, I continued to follow the club's results and then all of a sudden they started signing players some amazing players from Spain which left me so surprised but delighted at the same time.

All of a sudden Vicente had signed for the club, arguably the most talented player in Valencia's Champions League team. He was a player who had nearly 40 international

caps to his name and could have stayed in La Liga, but here he was moving to the Championship with Brighton!

I was also shocked to see Bruno move to the club, too. He was a player who Pep Guardiola wanted to join Barcelona, as competition for Dani Alves, and here he was joining Brighton. David Lopez was next, a player who took all the set-pieces for Athletic Bilbao and another La Liga regular who had played in the Europa League final.

Then there's Andrea Orlandi who was known here as a very talented player from those who followed Barcelona's youth sides and, of course, Leo Ulloa who could easily have played for a number of teams in La Liga but instead opted to join Brighton... after all these signings, how could I not be a fan?!

I have now been to Brighton a couple of times and apart from visiting the Amex, which is a fantastic stadium, I also got the opportunity through a friend and a former translator at the club (Sergio Freide) to visit the training ground.

While in Brighton, I was pleasantly surprised to find a cosmopolitan city, with great bars, restaurants, clubs and the beach – it's the home of Quadrophenia!

Earlier this year, I made sure I went to watch Adam El-Abd play for Egypt, when they faced Chile in Madrid. I know the squad came over here for some pre-season games, but it was good for me personally to see a Brighton player in my country and, who knows, maybe all the Brighton players will play in Spain one day in the Europa League!

With the team going for promotion to the Premier League last season, there was genuine interest from the media here in the team, like there is with Wigan – who also have a number of Spanish players. Now Oscar Garcia is the coach, hopefully the team will finally make it. In Spain, there is talk that Oscar could be a Barcelona coach of the future, given his success as a coach so far, so let's hope he has a really successful time with Brighton. I'm sure he will and can take this club to the next level...





"I thought he would be getting more offers from teams playing in the Premier League and La Liga. You should be so proud to have him"

THE JOURNALIST RICHARD MORRIS CAUGHT UP WITH BARCELONA-BASED JOURNALIST NOELIA DÉNIZ TO TALK ALBION AND OSCAR GARCIA IN PARTICULAR

For Brighton fans who do not know you, can you tell us a bit about your background in sports journalism?

I collaborated on a radio show about sports and talked about FC Barcelona and Barça B for a year or so, and I follow closely FCB's youth academy, this is what took me to Barça TV. I commentate on football games on the official FCB television, although I'm just starting. I'm hoping to have my own show on the radio, two hours Monday to Friday talking about football.

Albion fans have really taken to the club's Spanish contingent. Do people in Spain know much about Brighton?

I must say that generally, people do not know a great deal about Brighton, but it is increasing. I'll make sure they know more because I'll try to keep up to date with the team now the new season has begun.

As far as Albion's Spanish players are concerned, who is the most famous in Spain? Maybe Bruno would be the best known, because he played for a few teams and is a veteran.

Was it a surprise to people in Spain that Oscar decided to take the Brighton job? What was the reaction?

To be honest, I thought he would be getting more offers from teams playing in the Premier League and La Liga. You should be so proud to have him. This is a challenge and he knows it, he can do it. He took Maccabi to the title and put them back in the Champions League, and if you ask any player they will tell you great things about Oscar. People in Spain were surprised somewhat to see he was taking on a Championship team.

Why do you think he will be a success?

He's very hard-working, very serious when it comes down to work and to achieve his goals. I can't see him failing. He creates the perfect environment in any team he is involved with, he makes people feel valued and gets the best out of everyone. This is something that many people who have worked with him have told me. He is going to do a great job, I have no doubt.

So what do people in Spain think of Oscar?

People who saw his work really wanted him to carry on at Barcelona and coach Barça B. Some people will tell you he would be the perfect manager for the main team also. And I agree. I think that day will come...

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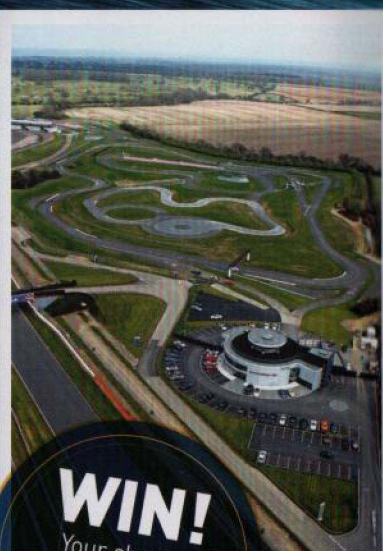
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CONSISTENCY'S THE KEY FOR CRAIG

New Albion signing Craig Conway has revealed the blueprint to winning promotion from the Championship

The Scottish international joined Albion on loan from Cardiff City last week, having played a key role in helping the Bluebirds into the Premier League last season.

Indeed, he scored the goal that sealed the title at Burnley in April as Malky Mackay's men won the title by eight points ahead of Hull City.

"The main thing is consistency," states the 28-year-old striker, who made his debut at QPR on Wednesday. "Overall last year we were very consistent and the Christmas period was massive. We were the most consistent side over that period and if you can stay in and around the top places in the New Year, then you've got a really good chance.

"It's such a demanding league, teams start to drop points around that time so if you keep your form, especially at home, you can do well. We were also able to grind out results, we had a bit of everything."

Despite his impact, Conway didn't make Cardiff's final cut of 25 players for this season – and as soon as he became aware of Albion's interest, he jumped at the chance.

"When I knew I wasn't making the 25, I spoke to the manager about going out on loan and the move to Brighton happened very quickly," he reveals. "I was aware of the quality here, the football the team plays and I wanted to be a part of that.

"I've played against Brighton a few times and the Amex is one of the toughest places to visit when you're an away

team. You don't get to touch the ball for long spells and you really have to work hard to get anything from the games here.

"It's also a really progressive club, on and off the pitch, so I was delighted to join and hopefully I can now get my season up and running."

It wasn't only Jones who Conway consulted over the move. He spoke to Gordon Greer and Mark McGhee on international duty, likewise ex-Seagull and Cardiff winger Craig Noone.

"I spoke to Gordon when we were away with Scotland and he had a lot of good things to say about the club and what can be achieved here," Craig adds.

"I also spoke to Nooney and, like Gordon, he had nothing but good things to say about the club, the players and the city.

"Mark also told me it was a good move and I even got a 'Welcome to Brighton' text from him when I signed!"

With Leo Ulloa suspended and Craig Mackail-Smith and Will Hoskins out injured, Craig can expect to see plenty of action in the coming days and weeks – and he can't wait to show the Albion fans what he is all about.

"I'd like to think I can make an impact with my pace and power, and add some goals and assists. I'm also here to learn and I'm sure that will happen with Oscar Garcia in charge.

"He has a fantastic pedigree from his time as a player at Barcelona and also as a coach, and although I've only been here a short time, I'm really enjoying the training sessions. I'm hoping this will be a great move for me."



"I've played against Brighton a few times and the Amex is one of the toughest places to visit when you're an away team"



London Calling



First on or last off?



Super sub

SNAP HAPPY

There's more to being Albion's official photographer than the 90 minutes of action on the pitch. This week Paul takes us behind-the-scenes at Bruno's comeback game for the Under-21 side at QPR recently...

BRUNO'S BACK

As Bruno continued on his path to recovery, we thought it would make an interesting feature to document one of his landmark moments... his return to match action. So Albion media colleague Adam Tighe and I spoke to Simon Ireland who was happy enough for us to travel up to QPR with the U21 team (yes, Bruno is no longer under 21, but the rules dictate he could play as one of three over-aged players!).

LOFTUS ROAD

While the team prepared

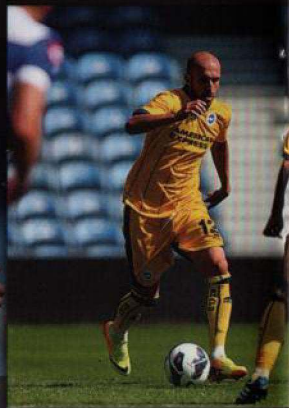
mentally on the coach trip to Loftus Road, Adam and I used the time to launch some website stories and galleries on our laptops. Much of the media team's office work seems to be carried out on four wheels these days!

BOYS TOYS

With Single Lens Reflex cameras (capable of HD video), a GoPro camera and a full HD video recorder and two laptops, we certainly weren't travelling light. We recorded lots of cuts for the video interview we had planned with Bruno later,



Kneesy does it



Back in business



starting with him getting off the coach once we had reached the stadium.

WARMING UP

A lot of careful planning goes into a player coming back from injury. Oscar Garcia, Simon and the medical team had agreed Bruno should play the final 30 minutes of the game, so he warmed up with the other substitutes before the match. This was another great opportunity to film some cuts. Tom Barden and Luke Powis spent a lot of time with Bruno to ensure his warm-up was carried out fully with no corner cutting.



The inner sanctum

TEAM TALK

In the dressing room, I was able to record some video footage, as well as take a few stills while Simon talked tactics with the team. It's a rare opportunity to get right behind the scenes and film/photograph something that supporters seldom get to see.

ON THE HOUR

With 30 minutes to go Adam focuses his attention on one side of the dug-out with the video camera and I'm on the other with the SLR set to video mode. It's another key moment to filter into the post-match interview

as our subject laces his boots in readiness.

ACTION STATIONS

And with a last stretch or two in front of the away team bench, Bruno is finally ready to make his return. It is easy to see that he cannot wait to get back into it.

INSTANT IMPACT

Bruno eases into the game. He is looking comfortable as he moves around the pitch. Adam and I concentrate on more cut-aways and stills. Then with one sudden turn of pace, our subject sets off down the wing, whips



Bruno's boot!

in a dangerous cross, and the Albion are inches from profiting. I can't help but smile as I'm filming. Bruno's back!

POST MATCH CHAT

A happy Spaniard sneaks off to the team coach in a desperate attempt to avoid our interview, but like all good media folk, we hound him down (only joking!). Adam quizzes him about his fitness, return to match action, Oscar and the Albion. Then it's back to the coach for the short trip home to Sussex, and the prospect of half the night spent editing stills and footage!



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CHERELLE'S STRIKING FORM

Last season's Players' Player of the Year, Cherelle Khassal, is eager to build on her form this term, writes James Hilsum

Albion Women have made a very respectable start to the 2013/14 season, after playing matches against Cardiff and Coventry, two of the favourites for the title, in their opening three games.

A close opening-day defeat to the Bluebirds was followed by a thumping 6-3 win over Keynsham, before a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Coventry.

One player who has been key to the Seagulls' progress is Cherelle Khassal, with the 22-year-old playing in her preferred role up-front. Her pace continues to be a real threat to opposition defences and she managed to get off the mark this season with a goal at Keynsham.

But there were mixed emotions for Cherelle after she injured her pelvis in the win, meaning she is a doubt for tomorrow's home Premier League Cup match against Chesham.

"It's been a really positive start to the season for me because I'm playing where I want to be, and I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing when I get back from injury," she added.

Albion host Chesham in the first of three group stage matches in the Premier League Cup, with the top two sides automatically going through to the knock-out stages of the competition.

Khassal insists the team will not underestimate their opponents, despite the Buckinghamshire side having lost all four of their games in the league so far this season.

"We take it that every team is as strong as we are, because if we think we're playing a team that are not as good as us, then our heads will drop and we won't play to our best," she adds. "We'll treat them exactly the same way as

Cardiff or Coventry. We won't get complacent."

Cherelle also has ambitions to return to the Republic of Ireland set-up and believes Albion is the best place for her to fulfil those dreams.

"I'm now used to how everyone plays and think it's going to be a big season for us," she states. "The girls are really positive on and off the pitch, so I think we're going to do really well."

"I'm going to get back on my feet and show them [Ireland] what I can do. Hopefully I'll put that shirt on again."

So don't bet against Cherelle picking up another Player of the Year award this season, given she won the accolade last season having only joined the club from Irish club Wexford Youths in January!

"I was really pleased; considering I had only been with the Seagulls for less than half a season, getting the award was amazing," she recalls. "I'm just thankful for all the girls that voted for me and I really appreciate it."



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

ALBION WOMEN v CHESHAM UNITED

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THE LOWDOWN

Albion were looking to arrest a run of six straight defeats against Reading and were highly unlucky not to come away from the Madejski with all three points following an excellent performance. The headlines were made by the dismissals of Pavel Pogrebnyak and Leo Ulloa, but it was Royals keeper Alex McCarthy who was the outstanding performer, making three top-class saves from Gordon Greer and Ashley Barnes (twice) to keep Albion at bay. Andrew Crofts was also unlucky with a diving header which went inches wide.

MATCH HIGHLIGHT

The general performance of the side. Bright in possession, always looking to attack on the counter, the performance had everything but a goal. It also extended the unbeaten run to four games.

MATCH LOWLIGHT

Obviously the sending off of Leo Ulloa, so soon after Pogrebnyak, was disappointing. With Craig Mackail-Smith and Will Hoskins injured, it's another striker sidelined for the Seagulls - and an in-form striker at that.

"The Reading goalkeeper was the man-of-the-match and so on the one side I am pleased because we played very well. On the other side we have to improve from the start and be more ruthless in front of goal"

Oscar Garcia



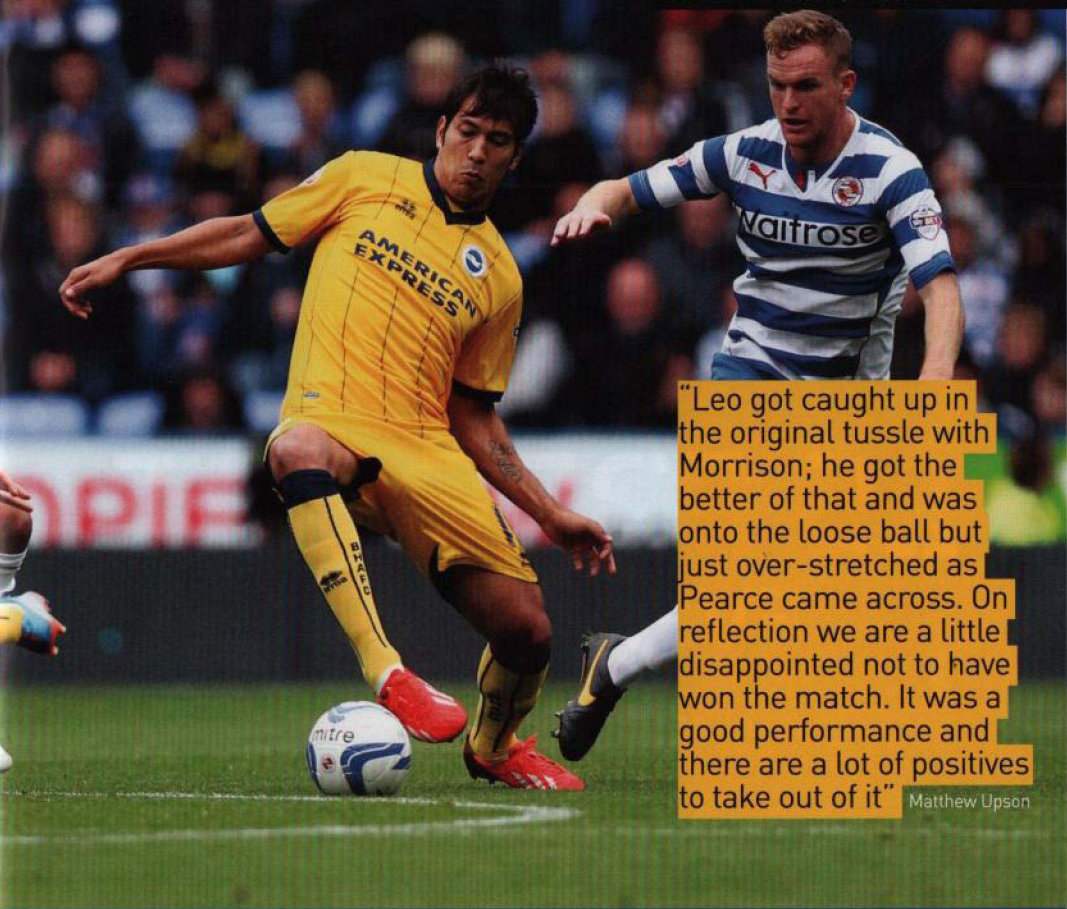
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"Leo got caught up in the original tussle with Morrison; he got the better of that and was onto the loose ball but just over-stretched as Pearce came across. On reflection we are a little disappointed not to have won the match. It was a good performance and there are a lot of positives to take out of it"

Matthew Upson



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Hello everyone!

After the international break and two tough games away from home against Reading and QPR, it's great to be back at the Amex for this afternoon's match.

As you would have noticed, it is Spanish Day today, in celebration of all the Spanish players and coaching staff we have at the club. It will be good to see if any of you have dressed up for the occasion and if I see anyone in their Spanish gear today, I will be welcoming you with a big high-five and a 'Bravo, mi amigo!'

Today's Young Seagulls pages certainly have a Spanish feel to them and also check out our fab Leonardo Ulloa poster in the middle of the programme. Okay, Leo is not Spanish, but coming from Argentina he speaks Spanish, so that sort of counts!

Enjoy today's game!

Come on you Seagulls!

Gully x



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Can you unscramble these letters to find the name of a Spanish striker?

VIDALLADIV

ALBION STARTING LINE-UP

Watch the big screen for today's starting eleven and write the players' names and numbers on the shirts.



CENTRE CIRCLE

NO.4 LEO ULLOA



FULL NAME: JOSÉ LEONARDO ULLOA

AGE: 27

BIRTHPLACE: GENERAL ROCA, ARGENTINA

WHO IS YOUR FAVE PLAYER? LIONEL MESSI

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH PLAYED IN?

SCORING AGAINST REAL MADRID FOR ALMERIA

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM? RIVER PLATE

LIKES: MUSIC, READING AND GOING OUT WITH FAMILY

DISLIKES: LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLING

BEST COUNTRY VISITED? SPAIN

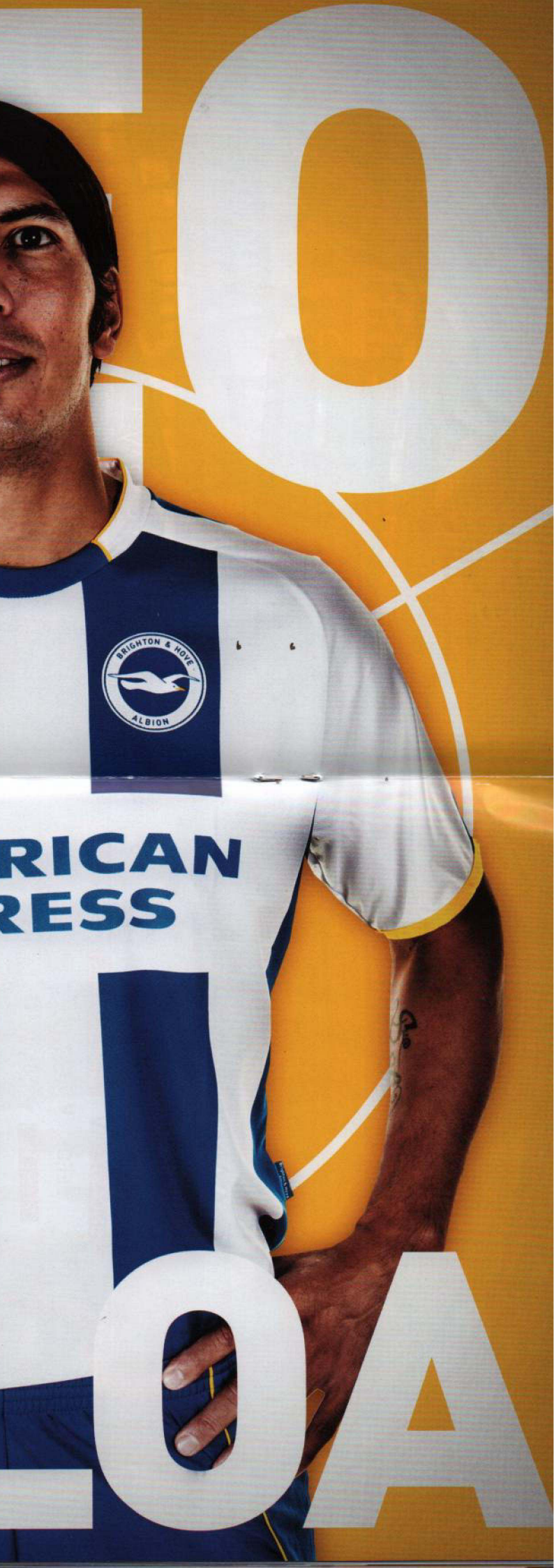


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RESS

EYE-SPY

Fill in the answers and take home as a record of today's match.

WHO HAD ALBION'S FIRST SHOT AT GOAL? _____

WHO IS THE BOLTON SKIPPER? _____

HOW MANY SPANISH PLAYERS ARE ON THE PITCH? _____

WHO PICKED UP THE FIRST YELLOW CARD? _____

WHO SCORED THE FIRST GOAL OF THE GAME? _____

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE? _____

WHAT IS YOUR MATCH RATING OUT OF TEN? _____

TODAY'S MASCOTS



TAM SIN WHEATLEY

AGE: 10

FAVOURITE PLAYER: LEO ULLOA

WILL BUCKLEY

LEWIS BEEBEE

AGE: 10

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: LEO ULLOA, LIAM BRIDCUTT

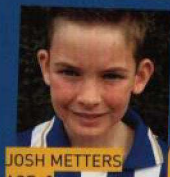


ALFIE LUCAS

AGE: 10

FAVOURITE PLAYER: ANDREA ORLANDI

ANDREA ORLANDI



JOSH METTERS

AGE: 9

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: KAZENGA LUALUA, BRUNO, ANDREA ORLANDI

BRUNO, ANDREA ORLANDI



NADAV SELAN

AGE: 9

FAVOURITE PLAYER: LEO ULLOA

LEO ULLOA



BEHIND THE MASK

Can you name the Albion player hidden behind the Zorro-style Spanish mask?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 9th birthday to Sophie Hawkins who is watching today's game from her seat in the West Upper.



SPANISH CONNECTION

Can you work out the Albion names from the clues?

I WEAR NUMBER 11 FOR THE SEAGULLS

I STARTED MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER WITH OSASUNA

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I AM ALBION'S ASSISTANT COACH (FITNESS)

MY SECOND NAME IS SALTOR

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See if you can beat Gully when predicting the scores of other Championship games played today

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DONCASTER V NOTT'M FOREST

LEEDS V BURNLEY

CHARLTON V MILLWALL

MIDDLESBORO' V BOURNEMOUTH

GULLY YOUR PREDICTION

1-2

0-2

1-1

3-2

3-1



TODAY'S QUIZ

1. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF SPAIN?

ANSWER:

2. WHAT ARE THE TWO COLOURS ON THE SPANISH FLAG?

ANSWER:

3. WHAT IS THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION: 46.7M OR 56.7M?

ANSWER:

4. WHAT IS THE CURRENCY IN SPAIN?

ANSWER:

5. WHAT IS THE SECOND BIGGEST CITY BEHIND MADRID?

ANSWER:

6. CAN YOU NAME THE FAMOUS SPANISH DANCE BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER F?

ANSWER:

7. WHAT YEAR DID BARCELONA HOST THE SUMMER OLYMPICS?

ANSWER:

8. WHAT MAJOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT DID RAFA NADAL WIN RECENTLY?

ANSWER:

ANSWERS

Who are ya? David Villa, Spanish connection: 1. Andrea Orlandi, 2. David Lopez, 3. Oscar Garcia, 4. Juan Torrijos, 5. Bruno; Behind the mask: Stephen Ward; Today's quiz: 1. Madrid, 2. Red and yellow, 3. 46.7m, 4. Euro, 5. Barcelona, 6. Flamenco, 7. 1992, 8. US Open.



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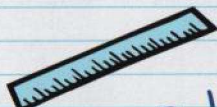
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SCHOOL REUNION



Primary School

I WENT TO...

St Nicolas School in Shepperton, Surrey, but everyone called it St Nick's.

MY EARLIEST MEMORY WAS...

Not being allowed to play football in the school playground - how unfair was that!

I CRIED WHEN...

I never cried when I was at school, in fact I always seemed to get more angry than sad. I didn't get upset.

I SHOWED A FLAIR FOR...

I enjoyed maths when I was at St Nick's, as I was quite good at learning all the times tables, but I didn't enjoy it too much at secondary school. I also liked PE of course.

MY POSITION IN THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM WAS...

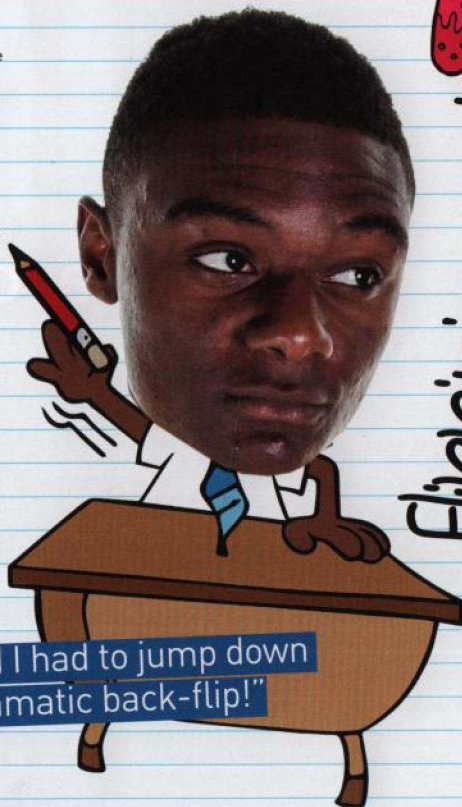
I played wherever I wanted to in the team, but I usually tried to play in left-midfield so that I could work on

Rohan Ince lifts the lid on his school days... including a back-flip in the Leavers' Play!

my left foot. Obviously this was not in the playground for the reason I've already mentioned!

MY BEST PERFORMANCE IN THE SCHOOL PLAY WAS...

I performed in a Leavers' Play in Year 6 and I remember being a sailor. My ship blew up and I had to jump down the stairs doing a dramatic back-flip! I caught the eye of the audience with that!



Flippin' great!

Incey woz
ere

"My ship blew up and I had to jump down the stairs doing a dramatic back-flip!"



Secondary School

I WENT TO...

Thamesmead School, Shepperton, which is not a million miles away from my primary school.

MY UNIFORM WAS...

We wore black trousers, black blazer and a red tie. Pretty tidy!

MY MOST VIVID MEMORY OF MY FIRST DAY WAS...

Being late on my first day and having a real panic on trying to get there on time! I wasn't nervous though as my older brother went there and could look after me. I was also helped by the fact that I already knew all the teachers.

I REMEMBER GETTING A DETENTION FOR...

I had loads of detentions; for being late, for not having my shirt tucked in and for not doing my homework. It was mainly stupid things like that and nothing too serious.

MY BEST MATE WAS A LAD CALLED...

Joe Green. He lived down the road from me and we always took the bus together to school. We got into a few scrapes together!

I HAD A SCHOOLBOY CRUSH ON...

No-one. I was a footballer at Chelsea at the time, so all the girls had a crush on me!

APART FROM FOOTBALL, MY FAVE OTHER SPORT WAS...

I played a bit of softball, which is similar to baseball but with a bigger ball. I also played one match for my school basketball team and as a winger for my rugby team.

MY BEST SUBJECTS WERE...

PE, which I'm sure is the answer all the lads are giving. I also quite liked science to be fair and did quite well in all three science subjects. I got Bs in biology, chemistry and physics, so I was happy with that.

AND I WASN'T PARTICULARLY GOOD AT...

I didn't like maths in secondary school. It was mainly about algebra and I found that very confusing. I didn't like IT either. I took the subject as a GCSE as I thought I'd be able to play on a computer, but I found it to be much tougher than I expected!

IF NOT A FOOTBALLER, I WANTED TO BECOME...

I'm not sure really. I didn't really have a plan B and I only really focused on football. I probably would have gone to college then university and probably seen where it would have taken me.

I CAME OUT OF SCHOOL WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS...

I got three Bs in all the sciences as mentioned; I also got a C in maths and a D in English. They're the main results I remember. I didn't do well in IT and I can't remember the rest of my results. Honest!

GCSEs revisited



We find out what the young midfielder learnt from his time at school

Geography

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF SPAIN??

Madrid



Languages

WHAT IS THE FRENCH WORD FOR SNOW?

No idea!



Maths

WHAT IS 8×8 ?

64



History

WHO IS THE COUNTRY'S LONGEST SERVING MONARCH?

How am I supposed to know this?!



Science

WHAT IS CO₂ MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS?

Oxygen



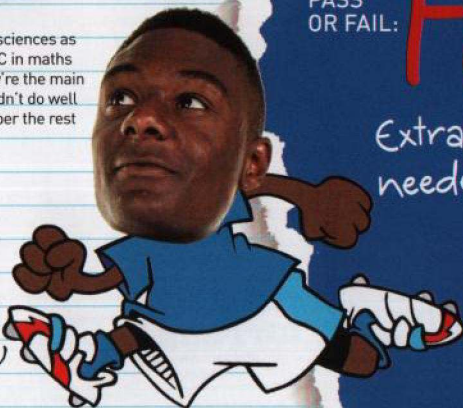
PASS OR FAIL:

Fail

Extra homework needed!

ANSWERS

Madrid,
Neige,
64,
Queen Victoria,
Carbon dioxide



Ian Hine takes a look at a programme from the past featuring today's opponents Bolton Wanderers

GET WITH THE PROGRAMME

The programme in 1971/72 was a real departure from previous seasons. The bold colours were replaced with a pale blue background for the cover of the 16-page issue, which was produced in a slightly minimalist style!

Pat Saward's notes on pages two and three started with a welcome for Bolton, and he recognised the difficulties for teams faced with bouncing back after relegation. He went on to mention the forthcoming testimonial for Geoff Sidebottom, who had to retire due to injury. He urged fans to support the game, against Birmingham City.

The 'Man in the Middle' for the game was Trevor Spencer, from Swindon, and we learned that he had been a referee for 17 years and was a 'Technical Sales Representative' for a Garage Equipment Company. There were no professional referees in those days.

A feature of many programmes in the 70s was the 'Cup Final Voucher'. This gave fans the chance to win FA Cup Final tickets should their team make it to Wembley, as long as they had cut out the vouchers from all home programmes in the season. The winner will be entitled to purchase one terrace ticket for the FA Cup Final.

The 'Welcome to Bolton Wanderers' took up pages 4 and

5, and the pen pictures included Roger Hunt, an England World Cup Winner, who had joined Bolton in 1969 for £30,000. We also learned that 'his testimonial game at Anfield recently grossed £20,000'. Also on this page was an advert for English's Oyster Bar, a regular programme advertiser at that time and still going strong in East Street.

'Calling all Sports Fans' mentioned forthcoming Horse Racing at Brighton, Plumpton and Fontwell Park; Greyhound Racing at Nevill Road and a 'British Coach Rally and Concours d'Elegance' to be held on Madeira Drive.

The centre pages of this season's programme were given over to the 'Albion Personality Parade' and the featured player for this game was Norman Gall, who at the time was the club's longest serving player with over 350 appearances.

'Goldstone Gossip' asked for votes for the Albion Player of the Season, to succeed Gall, with votes to be sent in by post (e-mail, Twitter and Facebook were a long, long way off!). We were told that Gall's win the previous season came without the votes of some of his family, who forgot to vote for him!

The statistics on pages 12 and 13 reinforced Albion's success and also the stable nature of the team that season. No fewer

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Bolton Wanderers, a club with a famous name and colourful history, are our visitors this afternoon and they are determined to make their stay in the Third Division a short one. This season, however, they have had to be content with a place around the middle of the table and have started to build for the next campaign.

It has frequently happened that teams with long experience of the First and Second Divisions have slipped in the Third Division, and then climbed back within a season or so. There are various reasons for this, among them a large playing staff, and usually a stronger financial position than most Third Division clubs. But it is never easy to win promotion, as many teams have discovered, and as we are finding out this season.

Testimonial for Geoff

When the season ends, and when the important problems of promotion and relegation are settled, there is to be a very interesting testimonial match at the Goldstone Ground, on behalf of Geoff Sidebottom, the popular player who was unfortunately forced to quit the game following injury.

Albion will be playing Birmingham City, semi-finalists in the F.A. Cup, and currently chasing promotion to Division 1, and I hope you will give the game your enthusiastic support. Geoff was a credit to the game and the club, which he served so loyally, and we are

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WAKY! WAKY!
BILLY COTTON

The programme closed on page 16, with an advert for Greyhound Racing at Hove. This was a feature in Albion programmes for many years, although in 1971/72, they had to share the page with the team line-ups.



See you at the
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continued his ever-present season in defence and the attack was led by Ken Beamish. The game was a tense affair and after a goalless first half, both sides came out looking for the breakthrough. The match was eventually a tale of two penalties, with Bert Murray slotting home Albion's spot-kick, to equalise the Bolton penalty at the other end, scored by Garry Jones.

A-Arsenal v. West Ham
B-Chelsea v. Newcastle
C-Sheff. Utd. v. Crystal Pal.
D-Southampton v. Tottenham
E-Burnley v. Millwall
F-Cardiff v. Fulham
G-Charlton v. Portsmouth
H-Orient v. Watford
J-Sunderland v. Q.P.R.
K-Bradford City v. Aston Villa
L-Bristol Rovers v. Wrexham
N-Rotherham v. Rochdale
P-Sherwasey v. Plymouth
R-Swansea v. Chesterfield
S-Torquay v. Mansfield
T-York v. Bournemouth

NOTE: In the event of a draw only one figure will be shown on the indicator.
Thus: A0—No Score; A1—One All
Draw; A2—Two All Draw, etc., etc.

BOLTON 22nd APRIL 1972

F.A. CUP FINAL PROGRAMME VOUCHER DRAW

Each First Team programme this season's "Cup Final Programme" has been inserted with a small book containing today's issue there have been matches played at the Goldstone (2 League fixtures, 1 Cup fixture).

If you are one of those supporters who have a full set of 23 programmes there is a chance for you to win the big Wembley match and this is what you do:

(1) You can, as you can, carefully cut out each Voucher from your copy or bring it to the Club Office at the end of the season.

(2) You must put your name and address on the back of the envelope and bring it to the Club Office at the end of the season.

(3) You must send all your vouchers and envelopes for reply by post.

(4) DO NOT include any remittance with your Voucher and self-addressed envelope.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS IS WELL-KNOWN TO BE SATURDAY, APRIL 1972.

The winners of the DRAW will be notified by Saturday, 22nd April. The winners will be entitled to purchase from the Club one Terrace Ticket for the FA Cup Final on Saturday, May 6th, at Wembley Stadium.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS IS WED-
NESDAY, 25th APRIL, 1972.



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ON THE PITCH

ALBION 1
April 22, 1972

BOLTON W 1

7 Kit NAPIER
8 Ken BEAMISH
9 Willie IRVINE
10 Brian BROMLEY
11 Peter O'SULLIVAN
12 To be announced

BOLTON W.
(Red)

1 Charlie WRIGHT
2 John RITSON
3 Don McALLISTER
4 Peter NICHOLSON
5 Paul JONES
6 Warwick RIMMER
7 Alan WALDRON

The 1971/72 season would ultimately end in promotion to Division Two (now The Championship). Bolton travelled to the Goldstone in April 1972 to face an Albion team in second place and unbeaten in seven games. Albion used just 19 players in the whole of the season and for the Bolton game, we were at full strength. The dependable Brian Powney was in goal, Norman Gall

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FROM THE VAULTS

ALBION 1

Mellor 35

BOLTON W 2

Reid 19, Greaves 61

Saturday, October 8, 1977
Division Two
Attendance: 27,430

THE LOWDOWN

With Albion and Bolton both flying high at the top end of the Second Division table, a bumper crowd crammed into the Goldstone Ground for this eagerly anticipated clash. Albion started the day in second place in the table, but it was the Trotters who returned north as the division's table-toppers.

Indeed, Bolton handed Albion a footballing lesson and inflicted a first home defeat on the Seagulls in 11 months. In a quick one-two with Frank Worthington, future Everton star Peter Reid broke the deadlock, to fire past a static defence. The hosts got back on level terms when Brian Horton skipped past Sam Allardyce only to see his shot parried by Roy McDonagh, but Ian Mellor was on hand to tuck home the rebound. Roy Greaves then secured the points for the visitors from the penalty spot after Steve Piper had handled.

1 IAN MELLOR

Nicknamed 'Spider' by the Albion faithful due to his long legs, Ian was a postman before signing pro forms for Manchester City in 1969. After 40 top-flight appearances, he joined Norwich City in 1973 for £65,000 and his performances on the left wing caught the eye of Brian Clough, who brought him to the Goldstone in May 1974 for a club record £40,000. While netting on his league debut against Crystal Palace, he took time to settle until a burst of six goals in 11 games during the 1975/76 season saw him re-established in the first team. He proved to be the perfect foil for Peter Ward during the following season's successful promotion campaign but having lost his place to new signing Teddy Maybank in November 1977, he moved to Chester City the following February for £30,000. Ian netted 35 goals in 150 appearances for the Albion.

2 SAM ALLARDYCE

Dudley born and a Wolves fan as a boy, Sam headed to the North West to start his football career with Bolton in 1973. A no-nonsense centre-half, he played a key role in the club's Second Division title success in 1977/78 – the only winners' medal of his playing career. He appeared for the Trotters in the top flight and made 184 league appearances, scoring 21 goals, before leaving for Sunderland in 1980. Sam went on to play for a further seven clubs, including Millwall and Preston, and captained North End into the Third Division in 1986/87. He started his coaching career as assistant to Brian Talbot at West Brom in 1989 and went on to lead Notts County to the Third Division title in 1997/98, Bolton to the Premier League via the play-offs in 2001 and West Ham back to the top flight, again via the play-offs in 2012.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"It would be asking a lot to go up into the First Division with the players we have got at the moment. But Bolton looked much the better team. We have got to get to their level before we start to compete as a promotion side"

Albion manager Alan Mullery's honest post-match appraisal

"Every so often, Albion will come up against the Boltons of this world, and the old axiom that a side plays only as well as it is allowed to was never more true"

The Argus

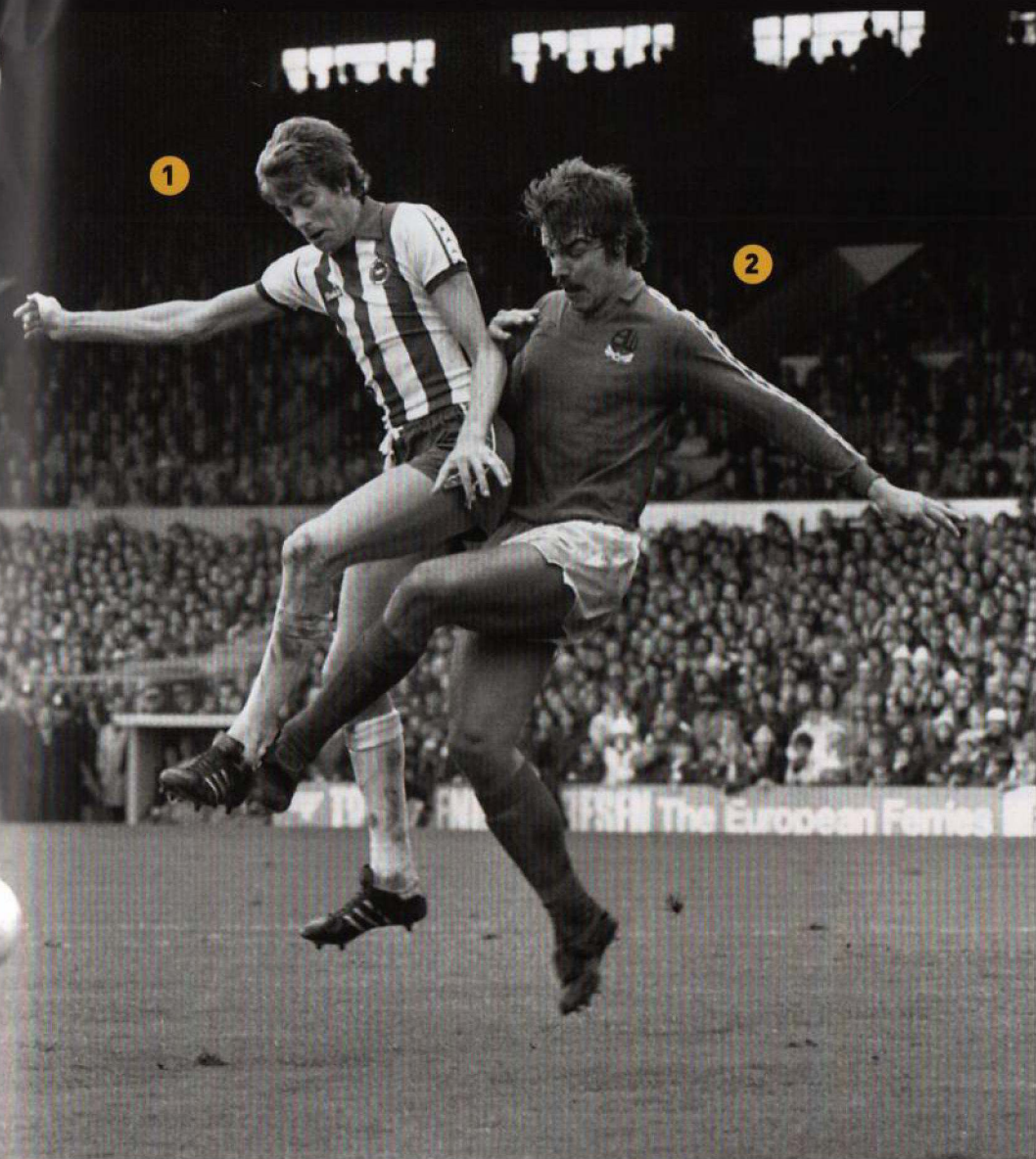


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Matches will be categorised as A, B or C, and the game grade will be announced just prior to tickets going on sale.

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All ambulant disabled and wheelchair using supporters should book tickets through Warner Duff on 01473 400556. Ten pairs of wheelchair and companion tickets are available, while 50 pairs of ambulant disabled and companion tickets are available.

Tickets are now on general sale and if they do not sell out, they will come off sale on Thursday (26th September) at 5pm. Any unsold tickets may be available on the day, but fans are strongly advised to buy in advance and are reminded it is only possible to add loyalty points (10) for advanced purchases via the Albion ticket office.

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Saturday 19th October
 Kick-off 3pm.
 Huish Park



PRICES (TERRACE AND SEATED) ADULT £20
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Saturday 7th December, Kick-off 3.00pm,
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GROUND GUIDE...

IPSWICH PORTMAN ROAD

Each issue, Duncan Adams, author of www.footballgroundguide.com gives Seagulls fans the inside track on a forthcoming away trip

Away fans are placed on one side (towards the Sir Alf Ramsey Stand) of the upper tier of the Cobbold Stand at one side of the pitch. Although the views from this area are generally not too bad (unless you are at the very back of the stand where there are some supporting pillars), the leg room is rather cramped and as with the rest of the stand, the facilities are beginning to show their age.

On the plus side, away fans can really make some noise from this area, contributing to a good atmosphere. The stand also has one of the poshest gents toilets that I have visited at a football ground (this was one of the two toilet blocks on the upper concourse). They wouldn't have looked out of place at a hotel.

The main away supporters' pub is the Riverside (Station) Hotel, which as the name suggests, backs onto a river and is located close to the railway station which is only a five minute walk away from Portman Road. Otherwise the Punch & Judy pub on Cardinal Park, which is close to the ground, has also been recommended to me as a pub

which is family orientated and where both sets of fans can enjoy a drink.

By car (satnav IP1 2DA) follow the A14 around Ipswich from which the ground is well signposted. The route takes you from the A14 onto the A1214 into Ipswich. As the ground is near to the town centre there is very little free street parking. Along Portman Road there are three Pay & Display car parks which cost £4.60. There are a number of other car parks located in the town centre which are sign posted, plus there is an NCP multi storey car park next to the railway station.

If you are arriving by train, the ground - as stated - is only a five minute walk away. You will see the Portman Road floodlights in the distance as your train comes into the station.



UPGRADE YOUR SEASON TICKET WITH SEAGULLS PRIORITY



Albion have launched a brand new membership scheme for the 2013/14 season

The Seagulls Priority scheme offers varying levels of membership to give fans the chance to guarantee tickets to home and away league and cup games.

Fans are advised that the Auto Cup Scheme is now part of Gold membership. Fans wishing to continue receiving cup tickets automatically will need to join the Gold membership scheme.

Current season ticket holders are automatically Silver members.

PACKAGES FOR EXISTING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

PLATINUM - HOME AWAY CUPS

No upfront fee. Follow every Albion game with ease, by adding away league and cup tickets to your season ticket. Your credit card will automatically be debited and you will be mailed your ticket to all away games, while home cup games will be loaded straight onto your stadium access card. In return, there will be no additional booking fees.

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Secure your seat for every Championship fixture at the Amex during the regular campaign with a 2013/14 season ticket.

PACKAGES FOR NON-SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

BRONZE

For just £30, fans can join the season ticket waiting list for 2014/15, while getting ticket priority (over Blue membership) to home league games for the 2013/14 season.

BLUE

For just £20, receive ticket priority before tickets go on general sale.

YOUNG SEAGULLS PLUS

For just £10, under-16s can enjoy ticket priority for home league games, and receive a guaranteed free invite to the ever-popular Young Seagulls Christmas Party.

Visit Albion's ticket website

www.seagulls.talent-sport.co.uk

and click the Memberships section for more information.



UNDER 21s

IRELAND BUZZING DESPITE BEES STALEMATE



Simon Ireland was pleased with his side, despite losing their 100 per cent record at home to Brentford on Monday

The Albion Under-21 side had won their previous three league games against Swansea, Ipswich and QPR, but needed a Courtney Richards penalty to secure a point against the Bees.

"This level is all about development of players and matches like this are a perfect way for the younger lads to test themselves against older, more experienced players," says Under-21 coach Ireland. "We came up against a side with plenty of experience with a side full of youngsters ourselves, and apart from the opening ten minutes, we equalled them, and at times we were the better side.

"It was another pleasing performance for me as once again the guys have replicated their desire on the training pitch in a game. Although we could have grabbed the win late on,

the most important aspect is what the lads take from the game and that they use what they have learnt to continue progressing."

Goalkeeper Grant Smith came to Albion's rescue early on with two excellent saves within a minute. Paul Hayes's low cross was directed at goal by Stuart Dallas but Smith was equal to the strike, and from the resulting corner the former Fulham trainee showed excellent reactions to tip Aaron Pierre's flick onto the post.

But there was nothing the Seagulls keeper could do to prevent Alfie Mawson directing his header home from a Dallas corner with nine minutes on the clock.

Albion came close to an equaliser on 25 minutes but Robin Deen was not able to

get a good enough connection on Jason Davis's cross, while Ben Nugent headed over for Brentford from another dangerous corner.

Hayes came close to adding a second for the Bees but dragged his effort wide before Ireland's side drew level just before half-time.

Luke Norris was penalised for holding Ben Barclay in the box and captain Richards confidently struck the penalty home.

Brentford were nearly the masters of their own downfall in the second half as Pierre's sliced clearance seemed destined for the net, but for an astonishing one-handed save from Liam O'Brien kept the scores level.

Dallas had been a constant threat throughout the evening and his dipping, swerving strike from the edge of the area

dropped narrowly over with the aid of a deflection.

A terrific last-ditch challenge from Glen Rea then denied Norris, however the Brentford striker did get his chance with five minutes to go but shot straight at Smith.

In the dying seconds a magnificent 50-yard run from Brennan Dickenson nearly provided a spectacular winner for Albion but O'Brien made an all-important save with his legs.

The keeper's work wasn't over just yet as Dickenson tested him once more and Charlie Harris put the rebound wide as the spoils were shared.

Albion: Smith, Barry, Rea, Lall (Collar 75), Barclay, Asmundsson, Starkey, Richards, Deen (Harris 84), Dickenson, Davis (Muitt 65). Subs not used: Wray, Benham.



"It was another pleasing performance for me as once again the guys have replicated their desire on the training pitch in a game"

ALBION TO FACE CARDIFF

Albion will face Cardiff City in the qualifying round of the inaugural Under-21 Premier League Cup.

The brand new competition will see the Seagulls host the Welsh side at Culver Road, Lancing, in a 7pm kick-off on Monday 28th October.

U21 coach Simon Ireland believes the new tournament will provide a fresh challenge for his

group. "It gives the lads something different and competitive as well as the league," he says. "The FA Youth Cup is a stellar competition which most of the players would have played in for the Under-18s, so they are looking for this tournament to replicate that success and the hope is for all the best young players to be on show."

MOVE OVER MARIO

Courtney Richards says he models his penalty-taking technique on former Manchester City striker, Mario Balotelli.

The Under-21 captain stepped up to score a crucial equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Brentford earlier in the week, taking a pause in his run-up before sending keeper Liam O'Brien the wrong way.

"Keepers like to gamble and I watched the way Balotelli waits

for the keeper to go one way and strikes the ball in the opposite direction."

He also commented on how well a number of the Under-18 players stepped up to the plate, with the likes of Robin Deen and Jason Davis impressing on the night.

"At the start we knew we had a number of young players, but they didn't look out of place and took the game by the scruff of the neck," he added.



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UNDER 18s

RUSK LAUDS PALACE PERFORMANCE

Albion's under-18 side let a two-goal lead slip against rivals Crystal Palace last Saturday, but coach Simon Rusk was delighted with his side's overall display

Indeed, the Seagulls put in a rampant first-half display, creating a host of chances and were unfortunate not to have gone in at the break more than one goal to the good.

"In the first half we were excellent," said Rusk. "We had long spells of possession mixed with some good attacking play and I don't think it would have been an injustice for us to have come in at half-time three or four goals up – that genuinely would have been a fair reflection of our dominance.

"We spoke at half-time about a Palace reaction and we didn't move the ball about the same way in the second half or look as much of a threat going forwards but we went 2-0 up.

"Unfortunately we switched off at key moments in the game to concede twice but overall we did more than enough to win the game. There were some really pleasing signs, with some wonderful moments attacking-wise, and we really should be sitting on the back of three wins now. The boys have got to back-up their performances with wins, that's part of football, but I'm delighted with their progress so far this season."

In a dominant first half, Jack Rowe-Hurst hit the outside of the post after some good play involving Jimmy Muitt and Charlie Harris, before the latter then set up Jordan Maguire-Drew with a shot from distance.



"I don't think it would have been an injustice for us to have come in at half-time three or four goals up"

The deadlock was eventually broken ten minutes before half-time, when Harris found Muitt in space on the left-hand side. The forward then

drove his shot into the far corner beyond keeper Tom King.

The away side looked livelier after the break, but Rusk's side doubled their advantage with 25 minutes remaining, as Rowe-Hurst teed up Muitt for a tap-in at the far post.

But the Eagles got themselves back into the match just five minutes later through Kezzie Ibe before Elliot List took advantage of a mix-up in the Albion defence to slot home three minutes from time.

Albion: Wray, Collar, Horncastle (Lall 52), Barclay, Cox, Benham, Maguire-Drew, Harris (Wiltshire 80), Deen (Davies 65), Rowe-Hurst, Muitt. Subs not used: Colquhoun, Pring.



WALTON ENJOYS STEP-UP

Under-21 keeper Christian Walton enjoyed travelling with the first team to both Reading and QPR.

And the former Plymouth trainee says he is soaking up every minute of his involvement.

"The experience is amazing for me and you learn so much about how first-team matters work," he said. "Obviously I am still young and playing for the under-21s but to get a taste of how the first team work only increases my desire to push on and succeed.

"All the lads are really

great to me, they include me and make me feel welcome, especially Peter, Casper and Tomasz. They give me lots of advice and help which is brilliant for me.

"My aim now is to use what I am learning on the away trips to help me continue my own development."



MUITT PLEASED WITH BRACE

Jimmy Muitt was delighted to grab both goals against Albion's rivals Crystal Palace.

The Brighton-born forward said of his goalscoring exploits, "Obviously there is the rivalry so it meant a bit more but my main aim is to score goals to help the team, I just want to do the best I can. Last year I didn't have a great season but this year I already have four goals compared to last year's two, so I have

already doubled that total!

"I just want to do a lot better than last season and try and push into the under-21s squad and secure a pro contract – and as a winger, scoring goals will help that."

Just two days after his brace against the Eagles, Muitt was named amongst the substitutes for Simon Ireland's under-21 side against Brentford. "I came on and I almost scored late on. It is such a different experience from the under-18s, it is a lot faster and more physical but I enjoyed the match."

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The Sussex Brewers



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INCE (ANDREWS - 72)
ULLOA
DAVID LOPEZ (LUALUA - 57)
BUCKLEY

LIONS

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SHITTU
LOWRY
BEEVERS
BAILEY
WOOLFORD
HENRY (ABDOU - 63)
DERRY
CHAPLOW (TROTTER - 78)
MCDONALD (EASTER - 84)



THE LOWDOWN

A last-minute goal from Leo Ulloa earned Albion a point and denied The Lions their first Championship win of the season. The visitors went ahead when Martyn Woolford collected a pass from Richard Chaplow before firing home. Alan Dunne was dismissed for Millwall for a second bookable offence 14 minutes from time and they couldn't hold on for a point as our in-form Argentine striker netted his fourth goal of the campaign.

MATCH HIGHLIGHT

Having had a goal disallowed for a push earlier in the game, Ulloa had the Amex crowd up on their feet when he tapped home Kazenga LuaLua's cross.

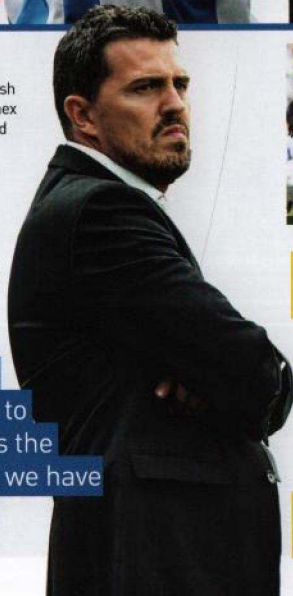
MATCH LOWLIGHT

Albion thought they had got back on level terms when Andrea Orlandi's exquisite free-kick was nodded home by Ulloa - only for the celebrations to be muted by referee Bobby Madley giving a foul against the Argentinean.



"In the second half we played with the right mentality and attitude; and we had chances to win the game in the last ten minutes. That is the way I want the team to play this season, but we have to improve on the first-half display, which was disappointing"

Oscar Garcia



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AMEX ATTENDANCE

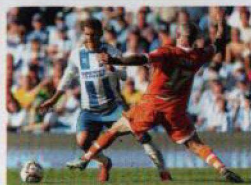
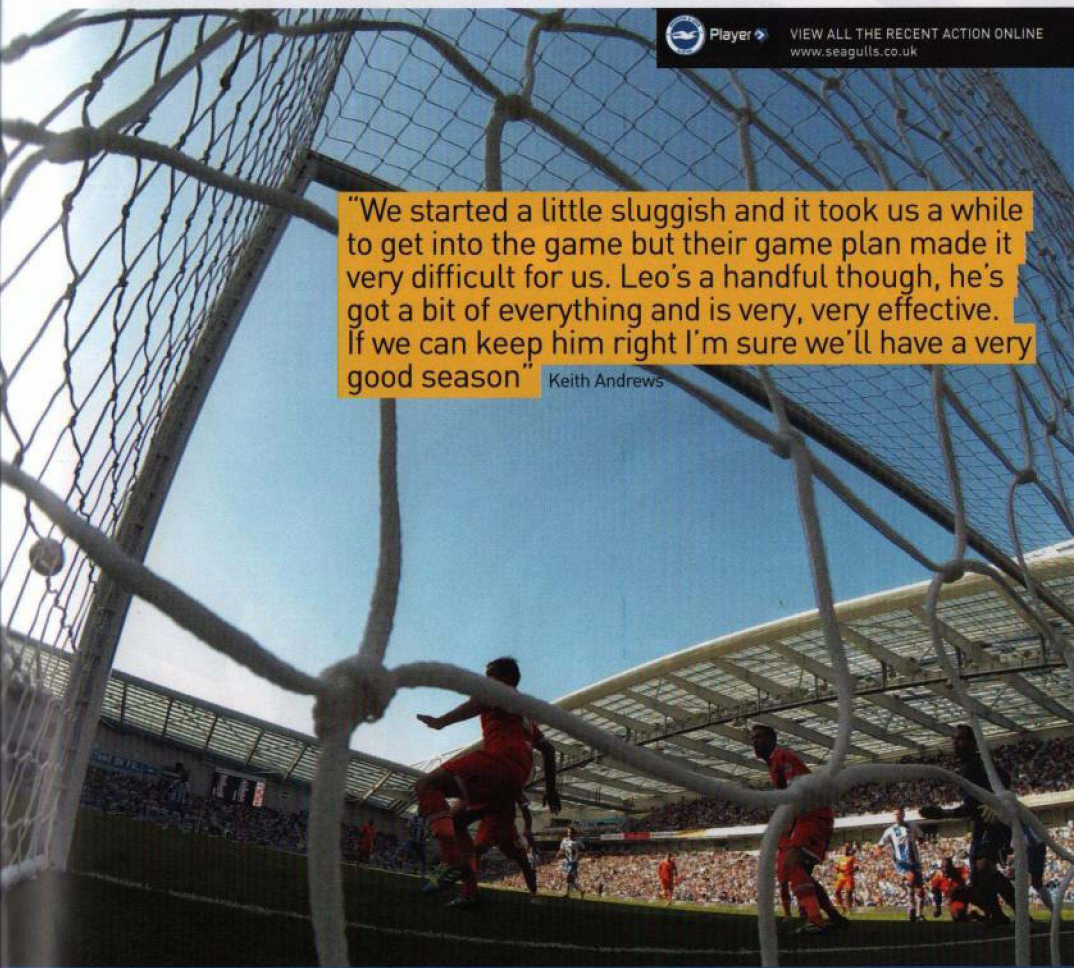


Player

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"We started a little sluggish and it took us a while to get into the game but their game plan made it very difficult for us. Leo's a handful though, he's got a bit of everything and is very, very effective. If we can keep him right I'm sure we'll have a very good season"

Keith Andrews



STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

SIX

GAMES SINCE THE
LIONS LAST BEAT
BRIGHTON

65

PER CENT POSSESSION
ENJOYED BY ALBION

14

SHOTS AT GOAL
BY THE HOSTS

FOURTEEN

MINUTES OF THE GAME
MILLWALL PLAYED
WITH TEN MEN

1962

US RANGER ROCKET REACHES MOON

America's moon rocket Ranger IV landed on the far side of the moon, the first time that a US spacecraft has successfully reached the natural satellite, three years later than the Russians. However, technical failures meant that the rocket was unable to send images back to earth. The mission renewed America's motivation to put a man on the moon, which it did seven years later.

1999

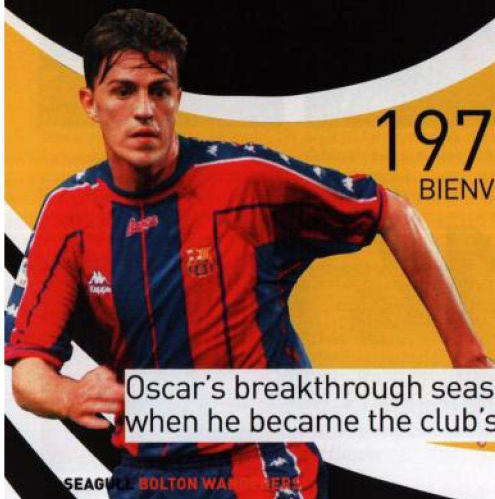
BBC'S JILL DANDO DIES

One of the BBC's most recognisable faces, Jill Dando, was shot dead outside her home in West London. The man sentenced to life for her death, Barry George, was acquitted of all charges in 2008. During her career, Dando presented programmes including *Breakfast Time*, *The Six O'Clock News* and *Crimewatch*. In 1997, she was crowned the BBC Personality of the Year.



TIME TUNNEL

Each issue Corey Pellatt selects a major event from Albion's timeline and picks out the headline makers elsewhere on that date in history. To celebrate 'Spanish Day' he begins with 26th April 1973, the day of Oscar Garcia's birth.



1973

BIENVENIDO, OSCAR!

While his siblings never quite made the cut at the Camp Nou, Oscar debuted for the 'B' team in 1991 at just 18-years-old. He played sporadically for the championship-winning first team between 1992 and 1994 and

Oscar Garcia has already made quite an impact with the Albion faithful since his arrival at the club this summer but his journey began on this day, in Barcelona.

He started his career with local club FC

Barcelona where, along with his two brothers Roger and Genis, he was part of the world renowned La Masia set-up that has produced superstars including Pep Guardiola, Cesc Fabregas and Lionel Messi.

also appeared on loan for fellow top division side Albacete, scoring two goals.

Earning a reputation as a technical minded midfielder with an eye for goal, Oscar's breakthrough season for the Catalan giants came in 1995/96, when he became the club's top scorer in La Liga with ten goals.

In subsequent years Garcia won La Liga, the Spanish Cup, the Cup Winners' Cup and the Super Cup with Barca before playing with Valencia, Espanyol and Lleida, where he finished his playing career.

After working with Barca's youth set up between 2010 and 2012, Oscar joined Maccabi Tel Aviv in his first managerial position, leading the club to their first Israeli title for ten years in stunning fashion.

After leaving the Israeli champions this summer, Garcia joined the Seagulls as head coach on a three-year deal.

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1986

NUCLEAR DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

The Soviet Union was home to the world's worst nuclear power accident as the Chernobyl station exploded, killing 32 people and injuring dozens more with radiation burns in the opening days of the crisis. One day after the accident, 30,000 residents were evacuated as the scale of danger became clear. An estimated 5,000 died from cancer and other radiation-related illnesses.

During her career, Dando presented programmes including Breakfast Time, The Six O'Clock News and Crimewatch



The Labour Party's conference to debate Britain's membership of the EU voted to leave the European Economic Community, signalling the country's discontent with an alliance with the continent. The vote led to a referendum later that year but pro-EEC lobbyists won the day. Under Tony Blair in 1994, the party was broadly encouraged to embrace ties with Europe.

LABOUR WANTS SPLIT FROM EUROPE

1975

30,000 residents were evacuated as the scale of danger became clear



1993

RECESSION ENDS

The government was happy to announce that Britain's economy had grown by 0.2% in the first quarter of 1993, bringing an end to a two-year long recession – the longest period of economic decline since the 1930s. Prime Minister John Major called on UK businesses to make the most of new "unparalleled opportunities". Britain's economy continued to prosper until the worldwide crash in 2008.

It proved to be one drama too many for Napoli, who sold their star player to Sevilla in 1992

Just weeks on from being suspended for 15 months by the Italian Football Federation after testing positive for cocaine, Argentinean icon Diego Maradona was arrested by police in Buenos Aires for possession of the substance. It proved to be one drama too many for Napoli, who sold their star player to Sevilla in 1992 once he became eligible for competition again.

MARADONA HITS ROCK BOTTOM

1991



NCS STUDENTS IN PEAK CONDITION!

Michael Edwards reflects on the success of
AITC's National Citizen Service (NCS) programme...

It was great this week to welcome back to the Amex most of the 92 young people who took part in our NCS summer programme to celebrate their achievements.

I was lucky enough to drop in on some of the sessions held at the stadium as part of the programme in August and it was clear from observing these and speaking to those delivering them how positive and constructive the experience was for the young people involved.

The three-week programme took place over the summer holidays and included a week in the Peak District where the 16 and 17 year-olds from across the whole of Sussex took part in outdoor activities and team building. They also came to the Amex and the Falmer campuses of both Sussex University and the University of Brighton to take part in sports

coaching, film-making and even to write and perform in their own 'TV talent shows'!

The government led initiative, originally piloted in 2011 but launched across the country last year involving 30,000 young people, aims to get 16 and 17-year-olds to develop skills for work and life and get them to contribute to local communities by delivering social action projects.

It certainly appears to be meeting those objectives judging by the experiences and achievements of the teenagers on AITC's programme.

"Starting NCS is probably the best decision you could ever make, and the best way to spend your, otherwise wasted, free time. It's a great way to make new friends, I know I made plenty of them, and it developed me as a person," said 17-year-old NCS student Drew Miller-Hyndman.

"The skills you gain will not only look great on a CV but are so useful that you are guaranteed to use them and need them when you go to work. These are skills you can't gain anywhere else so it's a fantastic opportunity and lots of fun too."

Over the last month the students have been delivering community fundraising projects with local charities. One group arranged a music and comedy night for the Teenage Cancer Trust while another group organised a family fun day for the Dame Vera Lynn Trust, a charity which provides support to children with cerebral palsy.

Jo Robson, head of AITC's schools education added: "I think young people are often portrayed unfairly at times but programmes like this confirm to me how inaccurate these portrayals can be. It was a

NCS students in the Peak District as part of this summer's programme

pleasure to work with such a diverse and engaged group of young people.

During the three weeks that they spent with us and their community projects with local charities, they all demonstrated an amazing commitment not just to improving their own prospects but to making a positive difference in their communities."

As told to Joel Essex

AITC are now recruiting for the Autumn NCS programme. To find out more contact Dan Garrett, NCS Coordinator dan.garrett@albioninthecommunity.org.uk or call him on 07876 898039.





MATT'S ENGLAND CALL-UP

Hot on the heels of Nicole Webley's starring role for England in the recent Homeless World Cup, AITC is proud to reveal its latest England international. Matt Francis, who is part of Brighton & Hove Albion's powerchair football team, has been called up to play for the England national team.

Matt, 16, from Angmering in West Sussex will join up with the rest of the England squad for a special two-day training session at St. George's Park early next month. He got the news travelling back from Nottingham following Albion's

latest Premiership powerchair match.

"I couldn't believe it when I got the e-mail from the WFA (Wheelchair Football Association) - I had to get my Mum to read it out to me!" said Matt, who suffers from syringia, a condition that affects his spinal cord leaving him unable to walk.

"Everyone who plays football when they are young wants to play for their country so I'm really proud."

You can check Albion's progress in their first season in the WFA Premiership and find out more about Powerchair Football at www.thewfa.org.uk



GULLY'S DAYS OUT AT BUTLIN'S

Families and children from Sussex based hospice Chestnut Tree House became the latest to benefit from AITC's Gully's Days Out initiative when they visited the popular Butlin's seaside resort in Bognor last week.

They were supported in a day of swimming, rides, fun and games by Kayleigh Darroch (16) and Jack McLean (17) who have undertaken a fundraising project for Chestnut Tree House as part of their involvement in AITC's National Citizen Service (NCS) programme.

Mel Dunne, from AITC commented, "It was a delight to meet the children and families from Chestnut Tree House and to welcome them



to the scheme and hopefully to the first of many Gully's Days Out with us."

The Gully's Days Out scheme, which was founded in 2011 and is supported by trained American Express employee volunteers, provides young people and their families, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, the chance to participate in memorable days out at over twenty well-known leisure attraction partners across Sussex.

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AITC Noticeboard

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You can now follow the progress of Albion's futsal team on Sky Sports' flagship Saturday morning programme Soccer AM.

The show will feature highlights of matches from the Football League Trust Futsal League. The Albion team plays in the Southern Region League which kicks-off next week.

Get qualified with AITC

AITC are currently recruiting for the following 16+ qualifications and programme variations:

LEVEL 1 EXERCISE STUDIES

The course gives students an understanding of the effects of fitness, diet and exercise and covers basic anatomy, physiology and the importance of nutrition and exercise.

AITC will be hosting an induction day on Thursday 26th September for this course.

LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE NATIONALS IN SPORTS SCIENCE

The Cambridge Nationals in Sport Science offers students the opportunity to study key areas of sport science including anatomy and physiology linked to fitness, health, injury and performance; the science of training and application of training principles, and psychology in sport and sports performance.

AITC will be hosting an induction day on Monday 23rd September for this course.

SPORT LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Albion in the Community - Training Opportunity (16-18 Year-Olds Only)

This qualification allows students to sample the wide range of activities and professions that are available in sport including nutrition for sport, marketing, sports therapy, coaching, leadership in sport, sport as a business, fitness testing and practical participation.

Course Commences: October 2013

For further details please contact 01273 878260 or e-mail info@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

AITC is holding a special lunch for local businesses featuring former manager and club ambassador, Alan Mullery on November 8 at the Amex.

There will also be an opportunity to hear from the club's executive director, Martin Perry and current AITC chief executive Michael Edwards. For more information and to book contact Bob Beaken on 01273 878261 or e-mail bob.beaken@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Albion in the Community



28-31 Oct, Half-Term Holiday Courses

Fun football courses for children of all abilities aged 6-14 (ages 4-5 Mini Kickers). Venues: Battle, Bexhill, Billingshurst, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Chichester, Eastbourne, Hassocks, Hastings, Hove, Littlehampton, Portslade, Steyning, Uckfield and Worthing. Includes Goalkeepers, Development and Mini Kickers Courses.

28-31 Oct, Girls-Only Half-Term Holiday Courses

Fun football courses just for girls. All abilities, ages 6-14. Venues: Across Brighton.

To book places on all AITC football and sports courses visit www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Holiday Courses

Matchday experience package for children

Exciting football-themed days for children. Includes mini tour of the American Express Community Stadium, visit to Seagulls Store, fun football coaching at nearby University of Brighton Sports Centre, match ticket and programme. For individuals or small groups. Recommended age: 8-11. Fully qualified and experienced AITC staff supervise the children throughout.

Bookings are now being taken for upcoming children's matchday packages for Brighton & Hove Albion v Blackburn Rovers on Saturday November 9 and Brighton & Hove Albion v Leicester City on Saturday December 7.

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ALBION TO LAUNCH BUSINESS CLUB

Brighton & Hove Albion's commercial team will be launching an exciting new initiative for businesses in the Sussex area to take advantage of the stunning facilities at the award-winning American Express Community Stadium.

From January 2014, the Friends of the Albion Business Club will offer local companies a range of day-to-day business facilities at the stadium, including access to modern and bright communal work space with high-speed Wi-Fi access and free on-site parking; a concierge service, including the option to book corporate boxes to entertain important clients on non-matchdays (small fee applies); plus various networking opportunities and membership of the current Friends of the Albion scheme.

Full membership will cost £999 (+ VAT) per annum which includes:

- Use of the designated Albion Business Hub lounge on business days (excluding weekday matchdays) between 8.30am-6.00pm which will in itself include the following benefits:
 - Free Wi-Fi
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 - Free on-site parking
 - On-site cafe (Dick's Bar)
 - Concierge service
 - Company listing in Friends of the Albion section of the matchday programme
 - Invitation to monthly formal/informal breakfast networking meetings at the Amex
 - Listing and webpage on a new Friends of the Albion website.

Interested parties should contact **Bradley Hatchett** via e-mail or telephone: bradley.hatchett@bhafc.co.uk or 01273 878278.

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There are perimeter advertising board spaces available for companies to promote their names in front of the 30,000 plus crowd at the American Express Community Stadium.

The home of the Seagulls attracted the highest average attendances in the Football League last season, with an incredible 30,003 people attending the match against Wolves.

More than 675,000 fans were in attendance at the Amex during the 2012/13 campaign and when it comes to season tickets sales, Albion are the 11th highest selling in the country.

Perimeter advertising boards will not only generate great exposure to the vast matchday crowd, but also regionally, nationally and even internationally.

The turnaround in the club's fortunes during the past three seasons has attracted widespread media interest along with live television coverage of the visits of Premier League sides, including Arsenal and Liverpool.

Albion's own TV channel, Seagulls Player, also boasts one of the largest subscriber lists outside the top flight, with supporters as far afield as Australia logging on to watch extended highlights.

There is limited availability for the remainder of the 2013/14 season for this magnificent commercial opportunity.

For availability and prices on the pitchside advertising boards contact **Bradley Hatchett** in the commercial department on 01273 878278, or via e-mail: bradley.hatchett@bhafc.co.uk

HEINEKEN DEAL ANNOUNCED

Brighton & Hove Albion are delighted to announce the agreement of a new five-year supply agreement with Heineken.

The UK's leading cider and beer business will supply draught and packaged cider and lager at the American Express Community Stadium.

Visitors to the stadium will be able to enjoy a range of drinks, including leading brands Foster's, Heineken, Kronenbourg 1664, Strongbow, Bulmers, Sol and Desperados in the concourse kiosks, Dick's Bar and the 1901 Club lounges.

The new deal - which extends a successful partnership that began when Brighton moved to the Amex in 2011 - also allows for the continued provision of fans' favourites Harvey's, Dark Star and Guinness.

As the club's official supplier of cider and lager, Heineken are also the lead sponsors of the stylish new South Stand 1901 Club Lounge.

Albion Head of Commercial Development, Simon Williams, commented, "We are delighted to add yet another leading brand to our growing list of partners. Heineken have been with us since the club moved to the Amex, and we are delighted they have further strengthened their support of the club."

On behalf of Heineken, David Flower, added, "Our exciting new partnership with Brighton is the result of a tremendous team effort on both sides and we are looking forward to sharing success on and off the pitch with the club this season and beyond."



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"The goalkeeper didn't have a chance. It was one of those when the moment you connect, you know it's going in. Yeah, it was a nice one, a typical Martin Chivers goal people said"

THREE MINUTE HERO

Some players are remembered fondly by fans for what they achieved over a period of time, others are remembered fondly for what they achieved in a moment in time. Spencer Vignes continues the series with a former Spurs legend...

In March 1979 Albion were going hell for leather towards what is now the Premier League, desperate to make up for the disappointment of missing out on promotion from the second tier of English football the previous season by the narrowest of margins (goal difference). In order to help get us over the finishing line, and with striker Teddy Maybank suspended, manager Alan Mullery went hunting for a frontman to act as a stop gap. He found him by chance one evening at a Professional Footballers' Association dinner in London. His name was Martin Chivers.

With the possible exception of the former Spurs and England striker Bobby Smith, Martin was unquestionably the most famous player EVER to have signed for the Albion. Like Bobby he had been a Spurs and England great (118 goals in 278 games for the former, 13 goals in 24 caps for the latter). Throw in 97 goals in



MARTIN CHIVERS

174 matches for his hometown club Southampton and you're talking about a proper, bona fide top-class striker. Mullery knew Martin well from their days together at White Hart Lane. He was 33, a bit frayed around the edges and carrying an Achilles heel injury. But, so long as the glue held together, Mullery reckoned he might come in handy during those final few games of the 1978/79 season.

Martin signed from Norwich City for £15,000 and made his Albion debut in a 0-0 draw against Notts County at the Goldstone Ground. Next up was Orient (they'd done away with the 'Leyton' bit back then) in East London on 7th April. The match proved to be an absolute belter, finishing 3-3. In those days a win was worth only two points meaning draws had a bit more value about them. Writing in the News of the World, Terry Neill declared that 'for sustained action and goalmouth incident it's

difficult to imagine anything equal to it in excitement if not technique'. Orient's Ralph Coates scored a peach but the goal everyone raved about afterwards was Martin's bullet header in the 32nd minute to put Albion 2-1 up. 'Straight out of Pathe News' wrote The People's reporter while the Sunday Mirror had it down as a goal of the season contender. Shown 24 hours later on The Big Match (ITV's alternative to Match of the Day screened between 1968 and 1992) the goal endeared him immediately to all Albion supporters, not just those fortunate enough to have been at the match.

"I think it was Peter Sayer who put the ball over, I can't remember if it was a cross or a corner," Martin told me many years later. "I was good at attacking the ball over four or five yards and I met it well. The goalkeeper didn't have a chance. It was one of those

when the moment you connect, you know it's going in. Yeah, it was a nice one, a typical Martin Chivers goal people said."

Martin started the following game at home against Charlton (a 2-0 win) but didn't score. With Maybank back from suspension the veteran striker stood down from the first XI. He nevertheless remained about the place, his mere presence seeming to keep the notoriously inconsistent Maybank on his toes and scoring goals. "I always knew I'd come as a stop gap and that was absolutely fine by me," Martin added. "Alan (Mullery) was always up front and honest. I actually found him to be a very good manager. I wasn't part of that final game up at Newcastle (the 3-1 win which clinched promotion) so I was dressed in civies watching from the stands, but afterwards he wanted me in the changing room being part of the celebrations. He was saying

'You've been a part of this - you deserve to be in there' which was a nice thing to do."

Martin did make a couple of appearances in an Albion shirt the following season before finally hanging his boots up for good. All told he made just six appearances for us scoring one goal - but what a goal it was, the last of his career as it turned out. For that reason, plus his galvanising effect at a key stage in the club's history, he is fondly remembered by many Albion fans of a certain age. The feeling is reciprocal. In Martin's words, "You would be surprised how many times Brighton comes up in conversation. So many of what you might call us old timers have connections with the place - Bobby Smith (now sadly no longer with us), Joe Kinnear, guys like that. All right, so many of us went there at the end of our careers but that didn't stop us enjoying it. And I was fortunate enough to be there at a special time."

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This season Seagull Travel members will be previewing our next away trip. Today, Darren Gallis looks ahead to our game at Ipswich Town next Saturday



VENUE: PORTMAN ROAD
DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
KICK-OFF: 3.00PM

WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR LAST TRIP TO PORTMAN ROAD?

It was New Year's Day 2013. I remember waking up early for this match after having had little sleep from the New Year's Eve celebrations the night before. Amazingly, everyone boarded on time on a bright, brisk morning and we started our four-hour journey to Suffolk. We stopped at Thurrock services for a much needed but expensive fry-up. The talk on the coach was all about our defeat at the Amex against a very good Watford side the week before and how would the team react. As usual, the banter was great and we reached Ipswich by 12.45pm knowing that we were good enough to get three points.

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE GAME?

A resounding 3-0 win for the Albion. This was the game where Dean

Hammond marked his return to form and capped it off with a goal. He ran the show and was man-of-the-match – I also remember David Lopez playing at right-back. It was one of those games where you did not want it to end; we never looked like conceding but looked like scoring every time we pushed forward. Great game, great result.

DID YOU HAVE A DRINK AND A BITE TO EAT BEFORE THE GAME?

Upon arrival at the ground we made our way to a packed Riverside Hotel where we were greeted by a sea of blue and white but thankfully, the Albion blue and white. A pint of Doombar at £3 represented good value. After 45 minutes, we made our way to Portman Road.

WHAT'S THE JOURNEY TO SUFFOLK USUALLY LIKE?

It's the old chestnut – it all depends what the M25 is doing! If that's clear

then generally it's a good journey up to Ipswich – just as long as you don't get caught behind a tractor!

ARE THE TOWN FANS A DECENT BUNCH FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE?

Yes, they are quite pleasant but given our form that day, they were pretty quiet. I would imagine they're a pretty frustrated group of fans overall, having been in the division longer than any other team.

IS IT EASY GETTING AWAY FROM THE GROUND?

Yes, I've always found it pretty hassle free, which is a nice surprise given Portman Road is pretty much in the centre of Ipswich.

OVERALL WOULD YOU SAY YOU GOT VALUE FOR MONEY LAST TIME OUT?

It was a day when you were proud to be an Albion supporter as we played Ipswich 'off the pitch' on their own patch. Combined with hassle free travel to and from the ground, the Albion faithful being in fine voice and a great view, it was the perfect matchday experience.

HOW DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET ON NEXT WEEK?

Having just come back from the 0-0 away draw against Reading where we made a very good Reading side look ordinary, I am hopeful that we can repeat the 3-0 scoreline. Two goals from Ashley Barnes and a bullet header from Matthew Upson – it's written in the stars!



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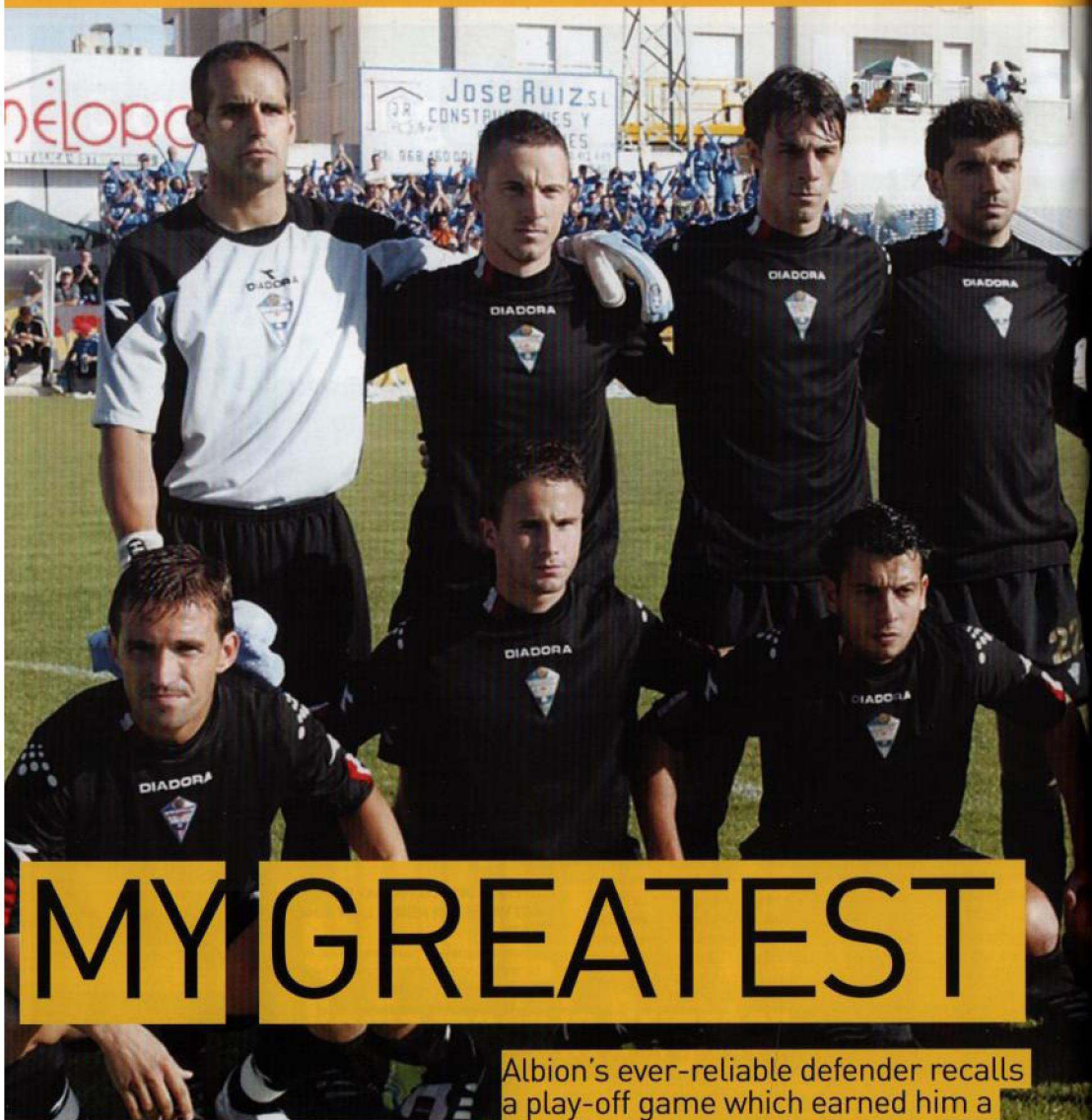
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SCENE SETTER

Between 2004 and 2007 I played for Alicante CF in Spain, in the Segunda Division B. Each season at that level, the four first-placed teams in each of the Segunda Division B groups play in the play-offs at the end of the season along with the four relegated teams from the second tier in Spain, to see who will make the Segunda Division for the following season. We twice finished top of our group in my time at the club and in 2007,

after we had topped our division, we faced Real Union at the play-off semi-final stage. We were drawn away from home in the first leg and in a very close game we lost 1-0. It was then back to Alicante for the return...

THE WHISTLE BLOWS

We knew that if we could get the opening goal in the game, then we would stand a good chance of winning the tie. With away goals

Albion's ever-reliable defender recalls a play-off game which earned him a place in the second tier in Spain.

"The fact that I still had plenty of energy and was running and running made it a good game for me"

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GAME

counting double and having not scored ourselves in the first match, we had to be careful – we knew we had to go searching for goals, but we were also mindful that even if we scored, they would only need to equalise to go through. I remember us having lots of chances though and it being a really good game. We managed to score the all-important goal to get back on level terms but no matter how hard we tried, we just couldn't get that all-important

second to win the game. With the game being played in June, I remember it was a hot, tiring game and it went to extra-time.

EXTRA TIME ORANGE

I remember we sat down and had a chat, but I don't think too much was said, because there wasn't enough time. You just have to recover as best you can, with some stretches and drink



some fluids, then you're back up ready for another 30 minutes of football which will make or break your season. I prefer having a chat on the pitch because you are with your own supporters, you are all in it together, and we were just urging each other on for the final push.

EXTRA TIME

Everybody was thinking the same, 'It's going to come, it's going to come!' but we had to remain focused defensively. We were aware that one chance might be all they needed to score, but we still had to play on the front foot, to get the winner. Despite the heat and the amount of football we

play-offs, so it was a really good game personally.

POST MATCH NOTES

Alicante went on to play Racing de Ferrol in the final later that month but all their hard work was undone, losing the first leg 2-0 away from home. While the home leg was won 1-0, it was Racing who were promoted to the Segunda Division – but Calde would also join them, signing for Alaves later that summer and going on to captain the side before joining Albion in 2010.



"We were team-mates but we were also friends, so it was really easy to play with them"

had played, I was feeling good, so good. I remember going forward from the back, and it was on one of those runs when one of their players fouled me and got sent off. After this, I crossed the ball for that all-important second goal, which was a fantastic feeling. I also hit the crossbar so, like I say, it was just one of those games where I felt so good. From then on it was a case of just trying to stay calm and I remember at the end of the game celebrating with all the fans, it was really good! We were team-mates but we were also friends, so it was really easy to play with them. After the game we went out to celebrate; we were a group of footballers playing in a good stadium, winning an important game. When I look back, despite the importance of the game, there were no nerves; when you have these types of games you just want to play. It doesn't matter how important it is, you just want to be out there playing. To be fair this is the way you should take all games, but it isn't always like that. The fact that I still had plenty of energy and was running and running made it a good game for me. In fact, I think Alaves signed me after watching me in those





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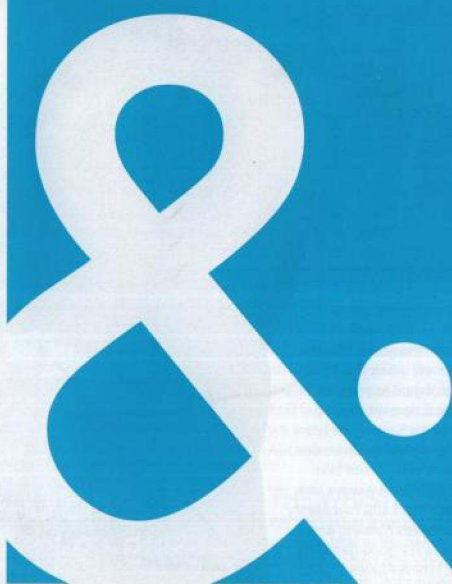
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NEXT AT THE AMEX...

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP ● TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

WEDNESDAY HAVE STRUGGLED SINCE THEIR RETURN TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP. ANY CHANGE THIS SEASON?

It hasn't been the greatest of starts, in fact the side have yet to pick up a win yet. They were defeated on the opening day at QPR (2-1), then lost to Yorkshire rivals Rotherham in the Capital One Cup. Three successive draws then followed against Leeds, Millwall and Middlesbrough.

HOW DID THEY GET ON LAST WEEKEND?

They drew 1-1 with Yeovil Town at Hillsborough, despite the visitors playing the entire second half with ten men.

ON THE FLIP SIDE, FOUR DRAWS WOULD SUGGEST THEY'RE HARD TO BEAT THOUGH...

You could look at it like that and they've added to their defensive options by bringing in ex-Wolves defender Roger Johnson on loan as a replacement for Anthony Gardner who has ruptured his Achilles. The 30-year-old has not featured for Kenny Jackett's side since their relegation from the Championship and links up with his ex-boss Dave Jones. Johnson will join fellow newcomers in defence, Portuguese defender

Rafael Floro, 19, and Guinea international defender Kamil Zayatte - who has played at this level with Hull City.

ANY OTHER NOTABLE SIGNINGS?

Wednesday signed Sampdoria striker Andelko Savic on a season-long loan deal last month but the 20-year-old, who is a Switzerland Under-21 international, has yet to feature. He made his debut for the Serie A side in January. Right-back Jordan Spence has also arrived on loan from West Ham following an injury to Lewis Buxton.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THIS WEDNESDAY SIDE?

They are a very big team, to put it mildly. However, it would be wrong to call them one dimensional, although they are particularly dangerous at set pieces. Reda Johnson is one who makes his presence felt in the opposing penalty area, but the side also have quick mobile players in the shape of Michail Antonio, Jermaine Johnson, Jeremy Helan and Jacques Maghoma.

WHO'S BEEN THEIR BEST PLAYER SO FAR THIS SEASON?

Chris Kirkland won the swfc.co.uk Player of the Month award

for August - lifting the title with a landslide vote of 45 per cent. The ex-England keeper put in a string of fine performances, on the back of being ever present last season.

FINALLY, REMIND ME - HOW DID WE GET ON AT THE AMEX LAST SEASON?

It's a year and a week ago that we beat Wednesday 3-0 at home. Craig Mackail-Smith netted his fifth goal in three games as Albion hit top spot in the table. Wayne Bridge and Will Buckley were also on target on the night.



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"We've gone four games now where we've not lost and you can see the signs are there. We've suffered with injuries but we just get on with it. We are digging deep and in every game we've been close to winning it, also we could have lost each game, that's the nature of the Championship. But we've shown enough about us that when we can keep everyone fit, we can be a threat. We will continue to keep going and see where it takes us"

Wednesday boss Dave Jones

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A look at the Championship movers and shakers ...

GOALS



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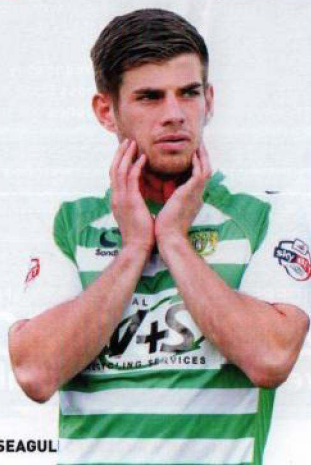
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MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED



Yeovil are the only team in the second flight yet to claim a point on home soil this season



AFC Bournemouth have scored exactly one goal in each of their last six Championship fixtures

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES 2013/14

LEEDS UNITED	26,846
ALBION	26,349
NOTT'M FOREST	23,007
DERBY COUNTY	22,713
LEICESTER CITY	21,921
SHEFFIELD WED	21,539
READING	19,879
QPR	17,218
IPSWICH TOWN	16,927
WATFORD	16,268



UNDER-21s

FIXTURES 2013/14

Professional Development League
Two South

AUGUST		
Mon 19	A	Swansea City
Mon 26	H	Ipswich Town
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 2	A	QPR
Mon 16	H	Brentford
OCTOBER		
Mon 7	A	Crystal Palace
Mon 21	A	Charlton Athletic
NOVEMBER		
Mon 4	H	Cardiff City
Mon 11	A	Ipswich Town
DECEMBER		
Mon 2	H	Millwall
Tues 17	A	Bristol City
JANUARY		
Mon 13	H	QPR
Mon 27	A	Brentford
FEBRUARY		
Mon 3	H	Crystal Palace
Mon 17	A	Millwall
Mon 24	H	Bristol City
MARCH		
Mon 10	H	Swansea City
Mon 31	H	Charlton Athletic
APRIL		
Sun 6	A	Cardiff City

UNDER-18s

FIXTURES 2013/14

Professional Development League
Two South U18

AUGUST		
Sat 17	A	Cardiff City
Sat 24	H	Ipswich Town
Sat 31	A	Brentford
SEPTEMBER		
Sat 14	H	Crystal Palace
OCTOBER		
Sat 5	A	Bristol City
Sat 19	A	Millwall
NOVEMBER		
Sat 2	H	Swansea City
Sat 23	H	QPR
Sat 30	A	Charlton Athletic
DECEMBER		
Sat 14	H	Bristol City
JANUARY		
Sat 11	A	Crystal Palace
Sat 18	H	Brentford
FEBRUARY		
Sat 1	A	QPR
Sat 8	H	Charlton Athletic
Sat 22	H	Cardiff City
MARCH		
Sat 8	A	Ipswich Town
Sat 15	H	Millwall
Sat 29	A	Swansea City

ALBION WOMEN

FIXTURES 2013/14

FA Women's Premier League
Southern Division

AUGUST		
Sun 25	H	Cardiff City
SEPTEMBER		
Sun 1	A	Keynsham Town
Sun 8	A	Coventry City
Sun 22	H	Chesham United (WPLC)
Sun 29	H	West Ham United
OCTOBER		
Sun 6	A	Lewes
Sun 13	H	Tottenham Hotspur
NOVEMBER		
Sun 3	A	Portsmouth
Sun 24	H	Chesham United
DECEMBER		
Sun 1	A	Gillingham
Sun 22	A	Charlton Athletic
JANUARY		
Sun 5	A	Cardiff City
FEBRUARY		
Sun 23	H	Coventry City
MARCH		
Sun 2	H	Keynsham Town
Sun 9	A	West Ham United
Sun 16	H	Lewes
Sun 23	A	Tottenham Hotspur
Sun 30	H	Portsmouth
APRIL		
Sun 6	A	Chesham United
Sun 13	H	Gillingham
Sun 20	H	Charlton Athletic

LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ALBION	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Cardiff City	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Millwall	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Bristol City	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Charlton Ath	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Crystal Palace	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
QPR	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Swansea City	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Ipswich Town	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Millwall	3	3	0	0	12	6	9
QPR	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
ALBION	4	1	2	1	8	9	5
Charlton Ath	2	1	1	0	6	0	4
Ipswich Town	4	1	1	2	9	7	4
Cardiff City	3	1	1	0	7	6	4
Swansea City	4	1	2	2	9	11	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	2	8	14	4
Brentford	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
Bristol City	3	0	2	1	1	7	2

LATEST TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gillingham	4	3	1	0	12	2	10
Tottenham H	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
West Ham United	4	2	1	1	9	6	7
Lewes	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Cardiff City	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
Portsmouth	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
ALBION	3	1	1	1	8	6	4
Coventry City	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Charlton Athletic	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Keynsham Town	3	0	0	3	6	13	0
Chesham United	4	0	0	4	3	16	0

STATS 2013/14

Championship table 2013/14

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Queens Park Rangers	7	5	2	0	7	2	5	17
2 Leicester City	7	5	1	1	11	6	5	16
3 Blackpool	7	5	1	1	10	6	4	16
4 Burnley	7	4	2	1	12	5	7	14
5 Nottingham Forest	7	4	2	1	12	7	5	14
6 Watford	7	3	3	1	14	8	6	12
7 Reading	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
8 AFC Bournemouth	7	4	0	3	8	14	-6	12
9 Derby County	7	3	2	2	13	9	4	11
10 Huddersfield Town	7	3	2	2	10	6	4	11
11 Leeds United	7	3	2	2	6	5	1	11
12 Ipswich Town	7	3	1	3	11	8	3	10
13 ALBION	7	2	3	2	6	5	1	9
14 Blackburn Rovers	7	2	2	3	12	10	2	8
15 Wigan Athletic	6	2	2	2	10	8	2	8
16 Middlesbrough	7	1	4	2	9	11	-2	7
17 Charlton Athletic	6	1	2	3	7	9	-2	5
18 Doncaster Rovers	6	1	2	3	6	8	-2	5
19 Millwall	7	1	2	4	7	14	-7	5
20 Sheffield Wednesday	6	0	4	2	7	9	-2	4
21 Birmingham City	7	1	1	5	4	10	-6	4
22 Yeovil Town	7	1	1	5	3	10	-7	4
23 Barnsley	7	1	1	5	8	17	-9	4
24 BOLTON WANDERERS	7	0	3	4	5	13	-8	3

Appearances and Goalscorers 2013/14

	Championship		Lge Cup		FA Cup	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
2. Bruno Saltor	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-
3. Gordon Greer	7	-	1	-	-	-
4. Keith Andrews	3(1)	-	-	-	-	-
6. Adam El-Abd	-	-	1	-	-	-
8. Andrew Crofts	6	2	-	-	-	-
9. Ashley Barnes	3(2)	-	1	1	-	-
10. Kerry Agustin	4(1)	-	1	-	-	-
11. Andrea Orlandi	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-
14. Inigo Calderon	7	-	1	-	-	-
16. Casper Ankergren	-	-	1	-	-	-
17. Stephen Ward	5	-	-	-	-	-
18. Jake Forster-Caskey	2(2)	-	1	-	-	-
19. Leonardo Ulloa	6	4	-	-	-	-
20. Matthew Upson	7	-	-	-	-	-
21. David Lopez	7	-	1	-	-	-
23. Craig Conway	1	-	-	-	-	-
25. Kazenga LuaLua	1(4)	-	1	-	-	-
26. Liam Bridcutt	1	-	-1(1)	-	-	-
27. Solly March	-1(2)	-	-	-	-	-
28. Vitalijs Maksimenko	1	-	-1(1)	-	-	-
29. Tomasz Kuszczak	7	-	-	-	-	-
30. Will Buckley	3(3)	-	1	-	-	-
38. Rohan Ince	4(2)	-	1	-	-	-



Today's other Sky Bet Championship fixtures

Blackpool	☐	Leicester City	☐
Birmingham	☐	Sheffield Wed	☐
Derby County	☐	Reading	☐
Doncaster	☐	Nottm Forest	☐
Leeds United	☐	Burnley	☐
Middlesbrough	☐	Bournemouth	☐
Charlton	☐	Millwall	☐
Yeovil Town	☐	QPR	☐
Barnsley	☐	Watford	☐
Blackburn	☐	Huddersfield	☐

80 SEAGULL BOLTON WANDERERS

Date	Opposition	Result	Pos	Att	Away
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AUGUST

Saturday 3	Leeds United	L1-2	15	33,432	958
Tuesday 6	Newport County (Capital One Cup)	L1-3	-	8,409	493
Saturday 10	Derby County	L1-2	19	26,238	1,046
Saturday 17	Birmingham City	W1-0	16	14,885	1,174
Saturday 24	Burnley	W2-0	10	26,007	607
Saturday 31	Millwall	D1-1	13	26,804	1,788

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 15	Reading	D0-0	14	18,306	1,687
Wednesday 18	Queens Park Rangers	D0-0	13	17,246	1,800
Saturday 21	Bolton Wanderers				
Saturday 28	Ipswich Town				

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1	Sheffield Wednesday				
Saturday 5	Nottingham Forest (17.30)				
Saturday 19	Yeovil Town				
Friday 25	Watford				

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2	Doncaster Rovers				
Saturday 9	Blackburn Rovers				
Saturday 23	Wigan Athletic				
Saturday 30	AFC Bournemouth (12.15)				

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3	Barnsley				
Saturday 7	Leicester City				
Saturday 14	Middlesbrough				
Saturday 21	Huddersfield Town				
Thursday 26	Charlton Athletic (12.30)				
Sunday 29	Blackpool				

JANUARY

Wednesday 1	AFC Bournemouth				
Saturday 11	Birmingham City				
Saturday 18	Derby County				
Saturday 25	Leeds United				
Tuesday 28	Burnley				

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1	Watford				
Saturday 8	Doncaster Rovers				
Saturday 15	Blackburn Rovers				
Saturday 22	Wigan Athletic				

MARCH

Saturday 1	Millwall				
Saturday 8	Reading				
Tuesday 11	Queens Park Rangers				
Saturday 15	Bolton Wanderers				
Saturday 22	Ipswich Town				
Tuesday 25	Sheffield Wednesday				
Saturday 29	Middlesbrough				

APRIL

Saturday 5	Barnsley				
Tuesday 8	Leicester City				
Saturday 12	Charlton Athletic				
Friday 18	Huddersfield Town				
Monday 21	Blackpool				
Saturday 26	Yeovil Town				

MAY

Saturday 3	Nottingham Forest				
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Peter Brezovan
Bruno Salter
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SEAGULLS LAND IN ADUR

Albion fans are invited to an exclusive evening at Ropetackle Arts Centre on Monday, October 14, where the club's executive director Martin Perry will talk about the need for the facility, and how it will benefit the community. He will also provide a preview of what the centre will be like.

Albion chief executive, Paul Barber, will also be in conversation with life-long Seagulls fan, Attila the Stockbroker, offering a glimpse of the workings and ambitions for the club.

And to complete the line-up, there will be contributions from Peter Rainer, who led the planning team for both the Amex and the training facility, and from a member of the club's medical team, giving an insight into the fitness regimes of today's top players.

The evening starts at 7.30pm. Ropetackle Arts Centre, Little High Street, Shoreham, West Sussex, BN43 5EG. Tickets: £8 Adult, £4 Under 12s. Contact 01273 464440 or visit www.ropetacklecentre.co.uk

SPANISH DOUBLE CLUB

Children across Sussex are getting the chance to learn Spanish thanks to Albion in the Community's Spanish 'Double Club' initiative.

The clubs, which run at the Amex and at schools across the county, use football to help children learn the language with 90 minute lessons split into two 'halves'. One 45 minute 'half' is spent in the classroom and the other spent on the football pitch learning training and drills in the language. During the classroom lessons pupils get to learn about Brighton & Hove Albion and its players. Albion's Inigo Calderon has even got involved giving tours of the Amex in Spanish for the groups of children involved!

Schools wishing to take part in the initiative should contact Jo Robson at AITC at jo.robson@albioninthecommunity.org.uk



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MULLERS

Today is Spanish Day at the Albion but as you can imagine, overseas players were few and far between during my time as manager

We did see a trickle come into the country following the 1978 World Cup, with Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa the most high-profile arrivals from Argentina. We too, decided to dip our toe into the water at the time and having been impressed by a couple of Peruvian players in the tournament that summer, namely Percy Rojas and Juan Carlos Oblitas, we brought them over on trial.

They were keen to make a name for themselves over here but the English game of the late Seventies was far removed from the game we see today. It was tough, physical and as mentioned, the squads were made up of predominantly British players, so they found it very hard to settle.

Don't get me wrong, they were very talented, technical lads and looked good in training, but I remember a behind-closed-doors game at Hove Stadium and it was a struggle for them. Add to the equation the cold weather, their lack of English and the fact that we were training on a park where half the battle was avoiding the dog mess on the grass, and it soon became evident that this was a bad move for both parties. As for the fish and chips down on the seafront, I can only image what they thought of them!

A couple of years later, we again went continental by bringing in a couple of Israeli lads, Moshe Gariani and Jacob Cohen. We'd played against the Israel national team, which was managed by the ex-Brighton player Jack Mansell, in a mid-season friendly and both caught my eye. They also spoke very good English, which was half the battle won, and given the large Jewish community in Brighton, they settled in well and were often invited to different functions. Moshe, in particular was a very skilful player and although they did make a handful of first-team appearances, maybe the rigours of First Division football at the time was just a step too far for them.

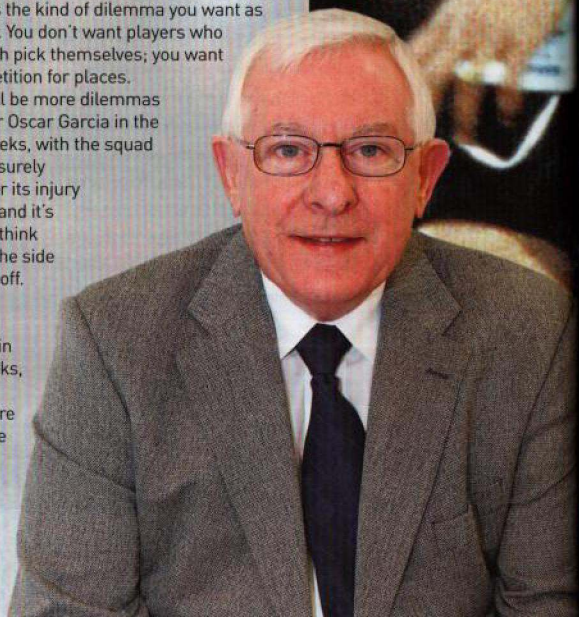
Fast forward the clock to today's game and

teams, particularly in the Premier League, are loaded with foreign players. At Brighton we are blessed with a number of cracking players from overseas and all have made a big impression, not only on the team but the fans, too. One Spanish speaking lad who will obviously be missing following his red card last Sunday is Leo Ulloa. He's been in sparkling form this season but his suspension gives players like Ashley Barnes a chance to make an impression. If you get given an opportunity like this you've got to take it and give the manager a selection headache.

I remember a similar situation during my time; we had Gary Williams playing who got injured and then Chris Cattlin came into the side and did ever so well. I couldn't drop him and it got to the point where Gary was so upset he thought about leaving. He did eventually get his chance again when Chris picked up a knock – but that's the kind of dilemma you want as a manager. You don't want players who pretty much pick themselves; you want that competition for places.

There will be more dilemmas to come for Oscar Garcia in the coming weeks, with the squad slowly but surely getting over its injury problems, and it's then that I think you'll see the side really take off.

The signs have been promising in recent weeks, but I truly believe there is still more to come from this group of players...





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HEAD COACH
OSCAR GARCIA

SEAGULLS

Peter Brezovan [GK]	1
Bruno Saltor	2
Gordon Greer	3
Keith Andrews	4
Lewis Dunk	5
Adam El-Abd	6
Will Hoskins	7
Andrew Crofts	8
Ashley Barnes	9
Kemy Agustien	10
Andrea Orlandi	11
Craig Mackail-Smith	12
Inigo Calderon	14
Adam Chicksen	15
Casper Ankergrén [GK]	16
Stephen Ward	17
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Today's Referee
Michael Jones
(Cheshire)



Assistant Referees
Ron Ganfield
and Ian Hussin

Fourth Official
Oli Langford



MANAGER
DOUGIE FREEDMAN

WANDERERS

Adam Bogdan [GK]	1
Tyrone Mears	2
Matt Mills	4
Tim Ream	5
Jay Spearing	6
Chris Eagles	7
David Ngog	9
Jermaine Beckford	10
Robert Hall	11
Zat Knight	12
Andre Moritz	14
Alex Baptiste	15
Mark Davies	16
Joe Riley	20
Darren Pratley	21
Stuart Holden	22
Marc Tierney	23
Andy Lonergan [GK]	24
Joshua Vela	25
Chung-Yong Lee	27
Craig Davies	28
David Wheater	31
Tom Eaves	32
Jay Lynch	34
Sanmi Odelusi	38
Mohamed Medo	44

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Next at the Amex
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Sky Bet Championship
Tuesday 1st October
Kick-off 7.45pm



STANDING IN SEATED AREAS

Persistent standing in seated areas is in breach of the Ground Regulations which are required under the Safety Certificate that allows the club to operate the Amex Stadium.

Ground Regulation 10 states: Nobody may stand in any seating area while play is in progress.

Persistent standing in seated areas while play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the ground. Ground

Regulations, including Regulation 10 are posted by each turnstile and ticket holders have made an undertaking to observe this and all other ground regulations when purchasing their tickets.

The reasons for the outlawing of standing in seated areas are clear:

- It is not safe and can lead to a 'domino' effect as seat backs provide insufficient support to prevent fans toppling forward.
- It interferes with the enjoyment of other fans who may want to sit down during the game.

- The club recognises that supporters may stand at exciting times of the match but that at all other times, supporters should sit.

Ground Regulations are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Please observe the Ground Regulations and comply with stewards' requests. We all have a duty to keep the Amex Stadium operating within current legal requirements.